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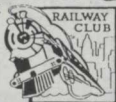
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KISSES AND HUGS

D.D.A.

That means dear darling airhead, I dream about you every night. You have the cutest ass did you know that? I Love to watch you play football, I Love to watch you play anything as long as I get to stare at your gorgeous face and bod. Well that's all for now just remember I Love you. XXOO Till next time my love, from your

Secret admirer
XXOO

But what about my mind?

FRANKLY MY DEAR I DON'T GIVE A—

My Dear Air-Head: September's Discorder (delightful cover, sir) more than confirmed all my suspicions regarding that appalling musical group, The Led Zeppelin, yet

it is not the first time I've come across this sort of hidden dissension in song lyrics. One need look no further than the croonings of one Frank Sinatra. His very name is a give-away. Frank, Sin, forsooth, why not wake up to those everyday phrases "FRANK depictions of..." or "FRANKLY suggestive scenes of..." This man is everywhere.

Mr. Sinatra's hit "All The Way" received wide-spread radio coverage. Even its title, a well-known euphemism for The Act, is a shockingly explicit enticement to sexual license. It has been suggested that Sinatra couldn't have known the meaning of this phrase. Hal A Swinger like Frank would be fully aware of such hipsterslang, don't kidster yourself! Don't let me to remind you of his rendition of "Let's Do It (Let's Fall In Love)." "All The Way" is quite sufficient to prove his perversion:

*Taller than the tallest tree
That's how it's got to feel...
(A dreadful thought. And what about the rainforests?)*

Deeper than the deep blue seas

*That's how deep it goes
If it's real...*

Good lord. Surely that's too deep. How "Entertainment Tonight!" And notice the ref-

erence to pornography in deep BLUE seas? I thought you would, you're not that stupid.

However, there IS the line "If it's real." Come, that's more like it! No sex toys, no marital aids for Mr. Sinatra. Obviously it's a case of "Will the real member please rise?" for Frank. As I listened to the song, I began to forgive him a little until the final verse arrived with its veiled threat, its declaration of evil intent:

*If you let me love you
I'll be for sure I'm gonna love you*

All the way.
Mr. Sinatra nearly deafens us, over and over again, with this frightening crescendo. We must completely forget what rock music is doing to teenagers. Millions of middle-aged, middle-class people play this song and others just like it as after-dinner-wine-for-two-just-you-and-me-by-candle-light-fire-side-fuck-music on a daily basis. What is it doing to THEM?

Ominously,
T.D. Vladamira

Aha! And a Ho-Ho! An interesting and challenging letter in which the reader offers several well-developed arguments, although his/her examples perhaps lack a bit of the relevance we have come to ex-

pect. May we respectfully suggest you tune your radio receiver from 103.5 to 101.9, add a drop of Lamb's to your evening tea, and forget the "middle-agers". After all, perhaps we owe a debt of thanks to Mr. Sinatra, for without his "explicit enticements" many of us may have remained mere glimmers in our parents' eyes! Cheers!

NEXT TIME USE YOUR REAL NAME

Dear Airhead:
RE: Jane's Addiction Review, October Discorder

Yeah, BIG buzz on these guys and ooh, some nasty artwork on their album jackets to boot! Ooooh Still sounds like a cross between Ian Anderson on 'ludes and a really bad VH#1 and VH#2-era Van Halen to me.

Sparky

*Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
There's space in Reviews
For a Big Mouth like You*

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Airhead:

It was there when I saw him alone I tore into his brain and forever have eternal peace, unknowing I march through the red rivers of disillusionment and upon reaching my final destination I fell into the tunnel of shadows, above me a great bright light and here I was watching, waiting to recall what was once a time to be but lost: there he stood before me to be given a sign; the right to rule over the fate of the ones to be, not to face the fear of prisoners which are; beneath me the smell of dying souls condemned.

Moving forward once again being in a universal space in time I face the light to see the pain of those who were placed there to continue their work, again moving forward I saw the lives of those who were trapped in their devotion to a cause that has long since been dealt with by a powerful force sustained by the pressure of man, descending slowly onward I could hear the cries of those who I had left behind. Now as I lay awake only to hear the chirping of birds in their coming of springtime, I am waiting to be found amongst the devotion of those who know.

King.

King, meet Michael...

Dear Airhead:

There's a consciousness on campus and it involves the people across the street, but it emanates from YOU GUYS. There's always a people in the oddest spots and they're only trying to fool me, but I know; I've been told. Your station should try to deal with this kind of thing.

Love,
Michael J. Hamilton

...and Michael meet King. We'll talk to you again after the date. Stay tuned; we'll be back in two and two...

THE OCTOBER CRISIS: ISSUE FROM HELL!

Yes, it's true. The October issue of Discorder was truly an eerie-wracking, hair-pulling, devil's-spawn of an issue. And while it would be easy, maybe even fun, to place the blame elsewhere, I'm afraid it must fall squarely on my under-developed shoulders. My humble apologies to:

Greg Elsie, who should have been credited for all photos in the Chuck D. article;

BZ Jam, for writing the Chuck D. article;

Len Whistler, for the photograph in the Nirvana piece; and

David Carswell, who was not credited for his short story, "Chiro".

But my biggest apology [read: whimpering plea for forgiveness] must go to Nicole Steen, the artist who contributed the October cover. It should be known that the color overlay and the gray tone overlay were the sole responsibility of the Art Director [that'd be me]. Nicole had given clear instructions as to how and where she wanted any color added to the illustration. For whatever reason [I was unusually grumpy, evil Klingons were controlling my brain], I completely screwed the overlays up. The result was a cover that was not as good as it could have been, had the proper instructions been followed. Once again, Nicole, my apologies.

There, I... feel better now... cleaner, somehow... now the healing can begin...

Geoff Coates.

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Getting Anti-Antisocial With Frank. by Lloyd Uliana

Where did the name Lung come from? Are you the bastard offspring of another band named Lungfish which then separated and became Lung?

J: Not that I know...There was a movie done in New York by Richard Kern who's a director and one of his stars was this actress Lung Leg and she was on the cover of Sonic Youth's *Evol* album... That's not necessarily where it came from but that's one version. And then the other thing is all this biblical reference stuff too.

You've only played twice so far?

R: ...Cruel Elephant both times.

J: After our first gig we were likened to human feces, and if we sound like that, so be it.

R: We had a couple of sound problems at the first gig...the mix was really bad.

J: Not so bad...I think our sound epitomizes shit...

So how did shit manage to get a second gig?

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On the eve of their *Persistence of Time* European Tour, Nitzer Ebb piece of shit Uliana picks up the receiver and talks music industry with Frank Bello, bacillus anthracis of New York maestros of mosh, Anthrax.

Realistically, Anthrax are at the peak of their career. You've released your strongest album yet. The affirmation of metal as a legitimate form of popular music, a video budget, and the support of the industry as a whole, including your record company, all have a role in this. With that in mind, there are a couple references made to time on the LP...In the deepest darkest recesses of Frank Bello's mind, is he at all concerned after nine years and five albums that time itself may be passing Anthrax by?

I used to worry about that when I was younger. That was the whole concept of the album. It's not a concept album, but the idea of the "persistence of time"...the notion of making your mark and doing it now. That's really what it's all about...Just do it [TM]. Do what you want to do and do it now. Don't get me wrong, of course it's always in the back of my mind, but I think our fans are smarter than that. They know the originals. There are so many groups coming out now that try to sound like an Anthrax...the top two: the Metallica/Anthrax thing. It's so boring already. I listen and I don't know whether I should laugh or take it as a compliment.

Both you and Metallica have taken years to get where you are and these clone bands just get right in there like a dirty shirt with more dollars behind them and some gimmicky marketing campaign...

I don't worry about that. We'll always come out with

things that please us, and the fans are smart.

When Anthrax were last in town, opening for Kiss, drummer Charlie Benante told me: "One thing about us is that we're pretty honest about a lot of things. We don't try and put ourselves in some rock-star-type category. We're real people off-stage and onstage, and I think the kids can tell." With reference to what I said before about big bucks being spent on creating almost mythical images for many of your contemporaries, do you think this philosophy has the potential of working against Anthrax?

No, I think our fans appreciate us just being normal guys. I was at a club last night in New York and these kids just couldn't believe I was hanging out and talking to them. They couldn't get over that. They appreciate it that much more because we don't come across as being something we're not... Put it this way: I'm a big Madonna fan. If I was to meet Madonna and she just spoke naturally, I wouldn't think less of her. I'd think that would be the best thing in the world.

"In My World" ("I'd rather be alone/in my world/I'm not afraid/I am not afraid/Nothing touches me/I'm a walking razor blade") seems to reveal some type of personal turmoil. Care to discuss it?

It's just about standing up for yourself...being proud of what you are and just making sure you

do everything you want to do in life. Don't be afraid to show what you're made of.

Anthrax return to North American shores in late December and will show this continent what they're made of early in the new year with Maiden headlining. DISORDER has five cassettes of *Persistence In Time* to hand out to interested new subscribers to THAT MAGAZINE FROM CITR. Don't forget to add a buck for the post office.



J: I guess people like shit...It's not a derogatory thing, though. We played and we're proud of it... We thought it was great; like Neil Young says: "That's my sound man," well, that's OUR sound. Shit. Feces.

Have you tried getting gigs at any other venues and found they're just not interested in local bands?

SHOOTING THE SHIT

Tom Milne talks to vocalist Jason and drummer Richard of Lung

R: We've thought about it and we want to get a couple gigs somewhere else but basically the Cruel Elephant ones just fell into place without really trying hard... Before the Cruel Elephant happened, there weren't very many places apart from the Town Pump that had

decent gigs... I don't think SkinYard would have come up if there wasn't a Cruel Elephant and I think it's a good place to play for alternative bands.

I've noticed a lot of fairly big bands that aren't big enough to draw Town Pump crowds playing there. J: At the Town Pump they used to do that kind of stuff but now it's getting to be out of town shows mostly and they're mostly like—

Rock Stars?

J: Yeah.

You've recorded a single but haven't released it yet. Do you foresee any release date?

J: We're kind of looking for someone to do it... They say in Canada, or even in North America, Vancouver is kind of a hot spot for music, but I can't see it because local bands such as ourselves have doors slammed in their face. There aren't really any local labels that will put out

The Posies know a lot about urban myths. Hailing from the latest hottest record label hunting ground in America and recently signed to DGC Records, they're especially familiar with the ones about bands who become overnight success stories after getting picked up by major labels. Cornering the band after their stint on the Nardwuar Organized show, DISORDER tried to get to the bottom of some of these nasty rumours.

MYTH 1: They must be rich!

"You have less money than ever before," confides Posies' singer and guitarist Ken Stringfellow. "You think there are going to be more things you can count on, but it turns out there are even less because you are everything you were before but now there's another entity involved." Other guitarist/singer Jon Auer adds: "Now we're in debt, but we don't think about that very much. People think you get signed, and then people hand you a lot of money and you go out and buy and car."

MYTH 2: Wow, it's so cool to be a band from Seattle!

According to Ken, "People tend to hype it up outside of Seattle and people inside tend to downplay it, 'cause they know what it really is. There have always been good bands in Seattle, it's just that now Rolling Stone is writing about it." "For the bands that are still around, it's good," says Jon, "because basically whoever has a guitar is getting signed these days. It's really weird."

MYTH 3: Because The Posies aren't on Sub Pop, they don't have the "Seattle Sound."

"When people say that there is a Seattle sound, they obviously have something in mind already, but it doesn't apply to everyone," bass player, Rick Roberts

Despite their willingness to reveal the truth about themselves, there are still some things the Posies are trying desperately to hide. Such as the name of the band they will soon be touring America with. But what self-respecting band would want to admit a liaison with Gene Loves Jezebel anyway?

points out. "It's like saying that every band from Athens, Georgia sounded like R.E.M., and for a while people actually thought that. But there are probably jazz bands in Athens and heavy metal bands, too. They just don't get written about because they aren't part of the hype."

MYTH 4: The Posies play pop.

"We're getting to the point where calling it rock music is the easiest because people misconstrue what pop music is, they associate it with something that's not really us," Mike says. Explains Jon, "It's just that we can't say we write pop songs anymore because no one will accept our definition of a pop song. If you say you write pop songs it means you must like the Raspberries or the Shoes. People want a really easy way to pigeon hole something; it's the USA Today definition of everything."

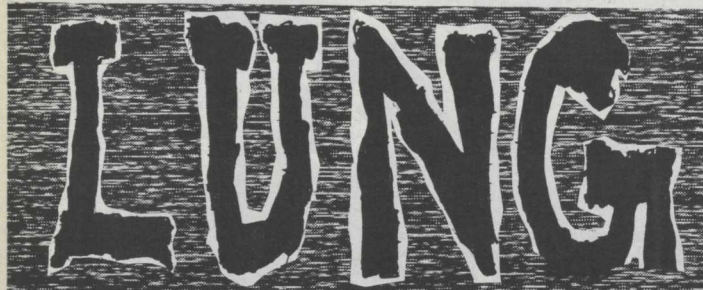
MYTH 5: Their lives are perfect now.

Says Ken, "You have to work twice as hard because there's a stigma that once you get signed, you get lazy, and people think it's less work." Jon adds, "But now that it's here, there are no more excuses. It's not like we don't have equipment or the ability to tour with somebody. No longer can we say we can't do this because of this or that, we now have every opportunity, and there's a lot of work involved."

MYTHING OUT Lisa Christiansen Debunks With The Posies



Ken Stringfellow of The Posies : Len Whistler



any music... well, our kind of music anyway...

You managed to get a really cool live sound [on the single]... You sound as harsh on the recording as when I saw you live.

J: That could be due to our father figure producer, Don Gordon from NUMB. It was really easy. We did all the vocals live and all the instruments live at the same

time. I was surprised; it has a really live sound. I was happy.

Are you heavily influenced by any band or any thing in music right now?

J: No...Just feces. We're really into it. It permeates everything; all of our music...That's why it was the greatest when someone actually said hey, you guys

sounded like this; then we went "Yeah, now our cause is set."

R: I recently read in a book just today something which is very true, everything that lives shits and then it dies...

J: The whole human existence has something to do with shit, I mean, if we're pissed off at someone we'll say "You no good shit, you suck shit." Everything is shit, it's all around. Countries are like that too, they'll shit on each other and all that kind of shit. See, I just said it... That's what we're all about.

What are your lyrics about?

J: I think what we're trying to put across is just, instead of content and thought so much, it's more just like emotion.

So you're trying to get across an emotion in the music and the lyrics just complement that. Like death.

J: Death and shit.

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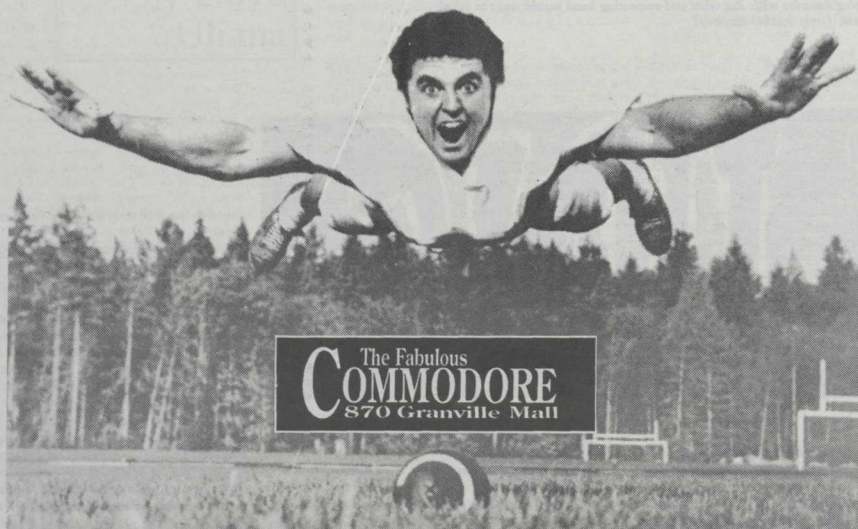
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Autumn is hiking season for me. The mild weather is ideal, and a quiet backwoods walk along the North Shore mountain trails clears the mind after a busy summer. I often hike with my old friend Marcel, an ex-necromancer with a lot of gung he still left in him. He turns up on my doorstep on Sunday mornings with a large buck knife strapped to his hip, and a camouflage bandana tied over his head. It wouldn't matter to him if I was, for instance, getting married that afternoon; Marcel expects me to climb that mountain peak with him regardless.

We arrived at the trail's base earlier than most day-hikers—Marcel drives one of those 4X4's that we could drive to the top if we had to. The wheels and suspension elevate the cab so high, climbing out is equivalent to making a 10-metre drive. We began our ascent, whereupon Marcel, as always, launched into descriptions of his close-calls during various African coups d'état. But today these nasty tales of torture and the martial arts bored me and I respectfully tuned my zealous friend out, trying to enjoy the scenery instead.

Shortly, I knew this hike would not be an opportunity for me to relax and think. Marcel's pace up that mountain was unrelenting. I pondered important things like, When will we rest? Do we have enough rations? and, Should I have worn an extra pair of socks? In any kind of macho endeavor with Marcel you had to give 150% without a whimper. I've never been to boot camp, but I caught a whiff of it now, downwind.

Sunday's outing had become an odyssey. Two hours into the four hour ascent I was racked by aches from my ears down. We came upon a lovely stream that cracked open the dense forest we'd been journeying through; the sky was visible again, the sun glinted off the coursing water. I was

so weary they could have happily buried me in this beautiful setting. On the other hand, Marcel, in Spartan fashion, merely cupped his hands for a brief slurrp, splashed his face, and resumed his march. He expected me to fall in behind but I just sat there, frozen and indifferent.

That creekside boulder I laid upon was now home. The rushing sound of the water lulled me away from my pain. My spirit lifted from my limp Sherbet mass, and sailed along after Marcel to explain I wouldn't make it to the top. Don't bother with helicopters or rescue teams, I thought, my remains will make excellent fertilizer for some little tree.

Suddenly, a splash broke my peace. Downstream, the orange, mangy-furred, puffy figure of a fox lifted itself out of the creek. Lord, that clumsy animal was the C-FOX fox! Immediately spotting me splayed on that sunny rock, the fox panicked and dashed up an embankment into the woods. Damn! I began a chase. "Whoa, wait a second!" I beckoned. The Fox stumbled over the fallen trees and underbrush, branches clawing its half-drenched fur. How could you tell this was a city fox? It was no match: the Fox was too out of shape. It dropped to its knees, huffing. "Fuck," it cursed. "Aww, fuck, look, do your worst, I don't care." This was a despondent creature. "Hold on, fella, I'm not going to hurt you," I assured it. The Fox nodded mistfully, then cursed some more.

The friendly thing to do, I thought, was to let on I knew its identity. "Say, haven't I seen you at a shopping mall?" "Oh, shit, yeah," it retorted. "And at car lots, lots of car lots. You might've seen me at car stereo shops, or half-blasted in a night club—you go to Dick's? Anyway, if there was an opportunity for some mindless station promo at a sewing

shop or a manure dump, I'd be there handin' out stickers. Oh, shit, yeah."

I didn't know whether to laugh at or pity this scruffy beast. Clearly, the Fox was disaffected in its role as mascot, representative and clown for a radio station. We were alone; I suggested we talk. "Pull up a log, Fox." With that we sat, and things related between us considerably. All I had to do was listen; this was a predator with a lot on its mind.

"I really thought I was making a good move leaving the wilderness back in '79. There was this good little FM station called CKLG that was going to change its name to CFOX. There was something about that station then...I dunno, it felt homegrown. There was something organically correct about a station operated in Vancouver by local people, y'know? Hip to the city and what made it tick. They had great morning talent—Collins and Marshall: clever guys. They had a hot night guy, 'Shafe.' They even had Ellie O'Day: a woman announcer with an IQ in the three figure range. I wasn't going to argue. They wanted a fox; I was a fox. I took the gig."

"Then there was a rough period. They put a lot of knobs on the air. I figured 'They just need time,' eh. I just went by my own job, showing up at motorcycle shops for live remotes, going to a bunch of grad parties, getting stoned, and so on. I got to do good stuff, it wasn't all mindless; I'd visit the Children's Hospital and work telethons and the like. But I was so trashed after all-night coke sessions I hardly cared after a while. Shee-it! there was a lot of blow around. Coke left some big holes in radio peoples' lives, not to mention mine. That's why I'm out here, man. I had to get away."

"Back at the station, things got worse. Ten years I was there, ten fucking years! You think they'd put

one good morning team together, or even one good afternoon drive show. Forget it. Fox announcers have had the collective wit of a tire dump. One way or another it's been the same line: 'Let's party!' Trust me, all that hedonism is not good for the soul. Eventually someone's got to pay for it all, right?"

The Fox capitulated; his passion for radio was evident, its own feelings sharply real. It struck me that within a few minutes, this animal, complete with dry thistles stuck to its matted fur, had engaged me more thoroughly than the station had in a decade. It continued, fidgeting as it spoke, playing with a fungus that protruded from the log on which he sat.

"Sure, they played the same shit as everyone else on the continent, they read all the trade publications, programmed all the well-researched songs. But that's part of the problem. They never believed in their own judgement. It's been years since they broke any new acts. A song got played at C-FOX only if it tested well in Chicago or wherever, y'know?"

"Then they tried being a yuppie station for a couple of years: hired yuppie staff, hung pictures of yuppies around the station and pointed to them, saying, 'Remember, this is who's listening.' Well, the yuppies didn't listen and the ratings died. So it was back to the lowest common denominator: the guys in baseball caps, the 'parties.' I swear, when I came out of the woods in '79, 'party' wasn't a verb, am I right?"

"It hurts me to be so candid. Some people did good work at the station. And everyone means well, y'know? But there comes a point when you can feed the public only so much pabulum. You put women on the air with names like Judy, Dusty, Candi or Sissy: mere boy toys. You hire announcers from Butthole,

Saskatchewan and all they can do is tell 'Surrey' jokes. It's a goddamned Vancouver station; the studio's on Richards street for crying out loud! WHY DOES IT SOUND LIKE IT'S FROM BACKWASH, ALBERTA?"

"Hold on! Hold on!" I urged the Fox. The shouting sent an owl flapping from its nest. "You keep that up and they'll hear you at the station." "It wouldn't matter," argued the Fox. "Radio stations couldn't operate without smugness. They'll point to the ratings books and say, 'Oh but, we're number one in this demographic, chum.' Blah, blah. It doesn't mean the programming isn't forgettable crap, eh."

"So what finally made you get out, Fox?" I asked. "I mean, you put up with it all for a long time." It responded directly. "The fuckin' contests. Half our audience, y'know, was listening to win something. Why else, huh? They came up with the idea to get cheap advertising for the station: get every droid out there to write 'The Fox Rocks' where people can see it. Some morons blocked a bridge in rush hour with a banner. Someone put 'The Fox Rocks' on Jim Morrison's grave. Live TV broadcasts got interrupted. One guy slept outside with a gorilla mask on holding a 'Fox Rocks' placard. In another contest, one fucker set himself on fire, and leapt off a roof shouting. At the station, they of course love it."

"Personally, I was indignant. For me, no more fuckin' contests, no more parties, no more drugs and booze. Back to the woods I went, back on all fours. I'm dying for a burger, but berries and squirrels will have to do."

"Well, Fox, I salute you. For all these years I thought you were an ass, but clearly you're a fox with dignity. Let me shake your paw." And with that I reached out my hand. Suddenly, "Don't move, Sure-bet!" Marcel leapt up from the underbrush. "Marcel, NO!" I shouted. Marcel grabbed the startled-looking Fox from behind, twisted its head back, and drew his buck knife out and across its throat. The Fox fell limp from Marcel's arms. Marcel stood coldly, breathing hard, blood dripping from his hands. "I saved you, Sure-bet." "Marcel," I cried, "you killed the C-FOX Fox!" "Oh really?" Looking down at the carcass, he chuckled. "Ey, Fox, where's that Terry an' Billy, uh?"

I sat up shuddering on my sunny creekside rock. I'd fallen asleep. Marcel walked toward me. "Hey, Sure-bet, I 'ope you 'ad a good sleep, uh. Come on, you're going to the top with me, writer." With that, Marcel turned back on to the trail for the top. I stood up, surprised it had all been a dream. I started after him; but noticed a tree fungus, obviously torn from where it grew, lying on the rock beside me. I lifted it up. On the smooth beige underside, carved in little brown letters it read "The Fox Rocks." Not really, I decided, tossing it in the creek.

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Ferragamo, Gucci. The Uffizi Gallery, Dante Alighieri. Cellini. Wildcat strikes by Black Plague-era gravediggers. Pankow. Yeah, we're talking Firenze, Italia here, folks; cradle of intellectual freedom and trousseau linens, true, but more importantly home to the 1900 lire Due Fontane Hotel laundered schluepfer extravaganza. Imagine your most staid-laden unterhosen professionally disinfected and returned to your happy little lovehandles before a night out on the town, for less than two bucks! This applies to both cotton and silk mutandine. Do they know how to pamper tourists in Firenze? I should say so. Firenze also serves as home to the Soul Hunters, a young psychedelic quintet whom you probably won't be reading about in the British press, even though their records are sold in stores as far away as New York and Tokyo. Even we just sorta stumbled onto them, actually, but with an Italian/English dictionary just begging for affection, proceeded to do our first interview in a language other than English. Chief Soul Hunter Nicola Vannini does the parlez-vousing. Uliana holds the mic and spends a weekend translating.

Well, I guess some kind of basic history of the band, some of your background, is in order.... Ten years ago, I began singing in a group called Diaframma, who are still around. The music was 'dark' like Joy Division, but I sang in Italian. In 1983, I left Diaframma to sing on my own, and a year later I formed a group that calls itself the Soul Hunters. We've released three records since 1984, two EPs *Cain's Sign* and *Maelstrom*, the most recent LP *Just in the Nick of Time*, and a recording

which might seem a little strange, with English guitarist Bevis Frond, entitled *Nick and Nick and the Psychotic Drivers*. Nick (Saloman a/k/a Bevis Frond) was on vacation here in 1988. We jammed for four hours with the other Soul Hunters and put it down onto tape, mixed these completely improvisational sessions in the studio a bit and released it.

Is Bevis Frond popular in Italy?
In Italy, yes. This style of psychedelia with 70s/Hendrix influences is very popular. Bevis Frond was more of a cult figure at one time because his limited run records were much more difficult to find than they are now.

Is there anyone else you'd like to work with in the future?
I suppose there's really only one: Julian Cope, whom I very much admire. I really like everything he's done. Perhaps on the last record, *Just in the Nick of Time*, there are many influences, one being Julian Cope. As far as experimental music(ians) are concerned, it would be Frank Zappa.

I take it that he's pretty popular in Italy as well.
Yes, he is popular. He's an extraordinary musician. He's broken a lot of ground. He's honest. He's always been honest in what he's done and

what he's told his public. He's always remained very integral in his numerous outings.

Frank Zappa is also a big proponent of anti-censorship in America. He put out the *Mothers of Prevention* LP with clips of Senate hearings on censorship interspersed among musical tracks.
Yes, I remember reading how he was telling his fans to write to their elected representatives. On the new LP, there are references to Zappa. We even do a cover of his: "The Torture Never Stops."

For someone like myself who has never heard your music, how would you compare your earlier releases to the *Just in the Nick of Time* LP?
There's many differences, mostly in experiences gained over time. For instance, when I was singing in Diaframma, I used to sing in Italian which I wasn't too fond of. I always listened to British or American music which I felt allowed for greater emotion even though I'm quite limited in my understanding of the English language. However (laughs), I still like it. I never liked Italian music. It's too melodic, too ethereal. I don't support it and I never will. In a group setting, others bring in their experiences. This last LP is a summary of everything that has happened

in the past ten years. I mean, it's all new. Some songs were written three years ago and rearranged.

Yes, but if I pick up *Cain's Sign* and *Just in the Nick of Time* and make a comparison....
It's always us, I suppose, although there are changes also in the way you compose music. In Italy, it's very difficult to work well. Recording studios, proficient technical assistance are hard to come by. A lot of the differences between the two discs are of a technical nature.

Does radio play your stuff?
Yes, independent radio. Corporate, state-owned stations like RAI don't stick behind this sort of thing. There are late night shows, but during the day forget it. The only medium is independent radio and not even there because money is the bottom line. Now it's house, acid house, acid jazz, because that's what sells ads for them. Then, there are other independent local stations in every city and every region. For instance, in Firenze, there's a station called Controradio (translation: against radio) (laughs) which is the only station that transmits indie material from morning to night.

Is psychedelia accepted in Italy?
No, it's more underground. It also depends what kind of psychedelia,

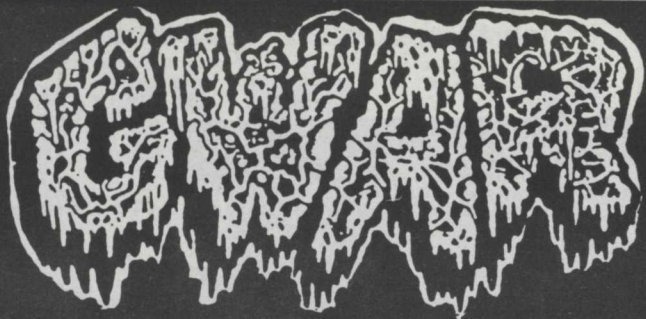
for instance, light and poppy, dirge, or 'trippy.' It's very underground. There's a style of psychedelia, English psychedelia like The House of Love, The Smiths, Primal Scream: psychedelic, yes, but more pop. American psychedelic is different, grimmer, a little darker. Italians consider there to be a big difference between American and British psychedelia.

If you decided to take two weeks off from your comfy job, could you pull off a successful tour?
No; in Italy, there exists neither the place nor clubs where you can play peacefully. It's a different situation than America or than any other European country like Germany, France, or England. Clubs don't exist. It's all because they don't believe in young Italian groups. This is a large problem. Thus, many groups have short lives. You certainly can't make a living at it. Even if there were many locations, say, one hundred places throughout Italy, they pay little. I'm sure you could do it for the promotion, to move your LP, but it doesn't exist. This is not good.

Is there nothing happening in Firenze?
Yes, there are other groups, but they're scarce. The better groups came out ten years ago: Pankow, Litfiba, Diaframma, and the ones that replaced them didn't have any substance.

And CCCP, where do they come from?
Bologna. I don't like them at all. They make me sick!

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'N' ME

BY UNCLE WIGGLY



GWAR is from Antarctica. GWAR is the heir apparent to KISS, GWAR is the most incredible stage spectacle in the world except for an Andrew Lloyd Weber production. GWAR is actually a bunch of guys from art school in Virginia. These statements may or may not be true, but legions of GWAR fans seeking answers were disappointed when the show scheduled for October 17 was cancelled. Due to my lucky experience, at last the truth can be told about this group, once the most underground of underground metal bands. This is the story of how GWAR sold their guts to Hollywood and sold out the fans they despise in the same transaction.

Scene 1: Zulu Records Tues Oct 2nd 9:45 PM



The guys from Tankhog walk in, talking about an open casting call for extras for a movie being shot down at Graceland. Supposedly there's a concert scene featuring GWAR. Everything is coming together at 6:00.

Scene 3: Graceland (Cops! Club Voltaire) 7:10 PM



The producers round up all of the sheep—pardon me, EXTRAS, and put them into their places around the stage. There is a massive drum kit with the heavy metal standard double kick drum. On the front head of each drum is what looks like a huge mutant pizza with a bloodshot 12 inch eyeball peering from the center. Surrounding the eyeball is a rosette of rubber goat horns ranging from about 6 inches to 18 inches in length. There is a huge GWAR banner behind this kit and three towering Marshall amp stacks just in front of this. The gaffers or best boys or whatever you call them are bringing out huge rubber axes, maces, swords and dishes full of blood packets. Meanwhile two women walk through the extras, handing out GWAR T-shirts to any one who's wearing a Misfits or Husker Du or Agnostic Front shirt. Everyone who gets a T-shirt has to give his name: if they swipe the shirt, they forfeit their pay. It probably isn't too far off base to assume they will be washed and sold on tour after the shoot.

A guy with a megaphone whom I assume is the director of this screen gem hops up on stage. "Alright everybody, listen up, we're going to bring GWAR out here in just a few minutes, but first I'm going to explain the scene to you. Imagine that two kids from the suburbs are in the big city for the evening, they decide to walk into Club Voltaire and what do they see? Yep, they see all you guys freaking out and then they see GWAR, now what do ya think of that?!"

Scene 2: A Circus tent across from BC Place 6:02 P.M.



A movie dude is handing out release forms to all who enter: "Please write your agent's name at the top! If you don't give your social insurance number, you won't get paid!". The room is chock full of mohawks, leather, and tattoos. I feel decidedly out of place in my royal blue windbreaker and my beloved Washington Senators baseball cap. I sit down, feeling miserable until I see Karl and Keith from Superconductor. I walk over to them. "My God, it looks like the punk scene from *Quincy* in here!" says Karl. He's right. I realize that no matter what happens, a precedent has been set: this will suck. I close my eyes and click my heels together, wishing that I was home in bed. It doesn't work, I'm still here. I soon learn that on a rainy day, an enclosed rubber tent filled with 300 bodies tends to smell. Bad.

Scene 4: The Arrival of the Antarticans - 7:56 P.M.



"GWAR! GWAR! GWAR!" is the chant that rises as the crowd sees them get on stage. The biggest cheer is for lead singer Oderus Urungerus who magnificently resembles one of the characters from the Cantina in *Star Wars*. One of the guitarists sports a massive set of testicles that hangs half way to his knees and a face that closely resembles a bear trap from a Roadrunner cartoon. The bass player, dressed like a Trojan warrior, has a bass the shape of a giant t-bone steak. Everyone in the group is splattered with copious amounts of blood. Most conspicuously bloody is a woman who plays the slave master; she has a huge rust-coloured smear between her legs.

"When are you guys going to fuckin' play?" one punk spits viciously after the band has been standing up on stage for about five or six minutes without doing anything. They look even more out of place than I do. "We're not playing live, this is going to be on tape," grunts Oderus. "What kind of shit is this? A fuckin' New Kids on the Block fuckin' airband?" retorts one guy. Someone behind me says, "I guess we'll have to wait until the show to see them actually play!" When I tell him that the show has been cancelled, the fire really starts to spread through the first six or seven rows of people. "You guys are such a bunch of sell-outs...what are you doin' on WEA records man?" "Do you guys even play your instruments at all?" The abuse flies for a good five or ten minutes and the band is getting visibly uncomfortable. Oderus looks over at his guitarist and says in his Scandinavian accent, "Why the fuck did we take this cheesy gig?" One guy in the front is going insane calling them posers and sellouts. Oderus regains his composure, walks over and squirts blood from his mouth into the heckler's face.

Scene 5: Lights, Camera, Action! 8:49 P.M.



The tape rolls "The Horror of Yid" from the *Scumdogs of the Universe* album; the crowd goes nuts crushing up against the stage. Blood flows like a river from Oderus' mouth as he holds a huge rubber axe over his head. A skinhead wearing an "Oil" T-shirt is led onto the stage. A GWAR character grabs a scimitar and lops off his head. The headless body flails its arms uselessly as it gambols about, squirting blood in a twelve foot arc into the crowd staining everything in the way. The song climaxes with the blood-splattered slavedriver running two lighted torches up and down her nearly-naked body. "Okay guys, that one's a keeper," says the director.

Scene 6: Dinner, 10:30 P.M.



"Okay, People, one donut per person please, there is coffee and water in the containers by the bar." All of the good chocolate long johns are taken so I'm eating a powdered jelly donut with a filling that looks a bit like the red food coloring that covers my shirt and cap. GWAR couldn't get off the stage soon enough either. All of them have a telltale ring of white powder surrounding their mouths, although Oderus' is understandably tinted a bit pink. Ms. Slavedriver, chatting amiably with one of the extras, looks surprisingly at ease for someone in a leather g-string and metal bra. By this time word has gone around that the shoot will be going on until five o'clock in the morning. Having heard "The Horror of Yid" ten times in a row already, I decide I've had enough of the movie business and enough of GWAR. I ducked outside into the pouring rain. It is cold enough to see my breath and my feet are soaking wet, but I still feel warmer than I'd felt inside.



Explanations and theories regarding the GWAR cancellation abound, including one involving a disgruntled guitarist quitting, replaced by one who wasn't able to play GWAR's songs but was capable of airbanding in a film. Some claimed the movie shoot was part of the GWAR itinerary all along. DISCORDER went straight to the horse's mouth and was told by a promoter that this part of the tour was scrapped due to a severe illness in the family of guitarist Balsak, "The Jaws of Death." Missed dates will be rescheduled.



SUPER CON DUCTOR

**ROCK AND ROLL TOOK ITS
TOLL:
THE STORY OF A CANADIAN
BAND
BY MARY REGEHR**

The hedonistic excesses of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle have claimed many a promising young band on the verge of the big time; now Vancouver has its own addition to the casualty list. Yes, those rumours are true: Superconductor have broken up.

Just what WAS this "Superconductor"? you ask. Simply nine of the skinniest, whitest, longest-haired hoser-boys ever to lay hands on axes: six guitarists, two bass players and a drummer. This musical monstrosity stalked the earth for a brief year and a half, from July of '89 to October '90, only to be torn apart by girl trouble, bruised egos, drug abuse and the alleged mishandling of band funds. In the course of their illustrious career, they managed to set up and perform on some of the smallest stages in town, they packed regular & all-ages venues alike, garnered rave reviews in the local music press, and, on the eve of their demise, had even begun to attract the interest of certain U.S. independent labels. Their fame also took them to Calgary, where they played two well-received shows only to have the tour (and the band itself) disintegrate immediately after amidst a flurry of inter-band back-biting and "girlfriend appropriation."

DISCORDER spoke with Karl Newman, (ex)-lead singer/guitarist of Superconductor, to unearth the reasons behind the supernova-like split. Sean Elliot, (ex) guitarist, was present in body if not in spirit; since the announcement of the band's break-up he has done nothing but sit and gaze at his new 21-inch Sony Triniton television and utter the occasional expletive.

Tell us about Superconductor.

NEWMAN: We're a bunch of friends—

ELLIOT: WE WERE a bunch of friends—

N:—Yeah, well, we WERE a bunch of friends. We had a bunch of guitars. We just wanted to be in a rock 'n' roll band...well, maybe that's not what we wanted...well, I dunno WHAT we wanted to do, but we DID it, and that's what was important. We had a dream...We were in a band—DAMMIT! We had something, and you don't like to see something like that go away...It was me; I started it all—

E: You did not!

N:—It was me with a lone guitar. I put an ad in the *Georgia Straight* and one in the *Buy & Sell* saying—

E: Saying, "Liar, looking to start a band—"

N: It did not! Well, I don't remember what it said, but anyway, Warren was the first person to call me up. It was kind of funny, 'cause Warren is a good friend of mine, and he didn't even know it was me at the time. So we started a band. The first time we played—it was at the Town Pump in January—everybody loved us; they thought we were, like, the best fucking band Vancouver'd ever seen...

What then was at the root of the break-up?

N: Well, let's see. People in the band just started growing apart, I guess. Jason Clark, for one, slowly grew away from the band. He had Lung going...he didn't care about us that much...Len Morgan, who I must say is one of the main reasons we existed, and who's one of the few Superconductor people—it's just mainly him and Keith that I'm still on good terms with. And Scott, he was kind of dragging us down a little bit. I don't like to say it, but it's that hair; he looked kinda Mexican. It's not a racial thing though; it's that hair of his, man. He just didn't fit in with the image. It seemed to me that Superconductor needed some kind of image, they needed some kind of unity, and I kind of stepped in there and said, "I've got this vision of what we should be." I guess I was kind of brave; I came out and said, "Why don't we do this way? Scott, why don't you stop cutting your hair every month?"

Are you pinning the break-up of the band on Scott then?

N: No, no, it didn't have anything to do with Scott, he was a symptom, a very small symptom...I guess it was artistic differences. It was basically me and Keith against the band, in the last days. You know Mike Kerley, y'know how Keith and him were in Silent Gathering together; they were really good friends, but then there was Mike's girlfriend Sheila, who Keith kind of appropriated—maybe that's not a nice word—

Probably nicer than any of the others.

N: Well, Mike was kind of pissed off at Keith about that, and y'know how sometimes when good friends suddenly

become like enemies; it's worse than if they'd never met at all. Well, so that's what happened there...Gee, what else broke up the band?

E: Warren's acid.

Warren's acid?

N: Well, Warren's acid is kind of part of it, but after the Neil Diamond show I mean, we PACKED the Cruel Elephant, you know, and everybody thought we were hot shit. We stopped practicing; we thought you could just be good by EXISTING. But it wasn't like that at all, and we started drinkin' a lot; and y'know, we made quite a lot of money off of that show, what, fifteen, sixteen hundred bucks, and then a lot of people [in the band] wanted to know, "Where's the money goin', are we gonna record with it?" and then they started accusing Keith of spending it on beer or women. Somewhere along the line Keith got this reputation for being some kind of pimp, y'know—

E: A reputation well earned.

N: A reputation well-earned.

But wait a minute, that doesn't follow. If he spent the money on women, that'd be prostitution, not pimping.

E: Capital! Y'need CAPITAL for pimping.

N: We'd be on stage, and after the show it'd be like, "Keith, I want that one, and that one, and that one," and he'd kind of invite them, and then everyone [in the band] was like, "Ah, it's just always you and Keith, you're getting all this and it's just the two of you," and Keith, I mean, he was our drummer and he was our manager; he was our roadie too. I don't know what the problem was with Keith; I thought he was doing an aMAZing job...and y'know, of course Warren started doing, y'know, drugs. I shouldn't even be talking about this, but I guess he's not that ashamed of it; he's probably so zonked on Quaaludes right now, he probably wouldn't even be able to read...all the words on this page'd be spinning around in circles and dancing off into space—

E: Shut up, *Doogie Howser's* on!

N: So Warren had the drug thing...Me and Warren and Keith were kind of the big creative nucleus in the band; and when Warren was suddenly, y'know, zoned-out, he'd do these endless fucking guitar solos with the wahwah pedal, like he wanted to be Jimi Hendrix or, like, Straw-

berry Alarm Clock; it was just really lame. It wasn't like a Stooges, y'know, WUH-UH-WUH-UH-WUH-UH; it was just like wap-wap-wap-wap, like some cross between some bad disco record and Tommy James and the Shondells, and he'd always wanna sing and put his voice through the microphone and then he'd put the tremolo on and sing "Crimson and Clover" with that really wavery voice. Wow, we'd just like, "Shut the—!" It was the DRUGS, though, I'm not puttin' him down, it was the drugs. Don't get the wrong idea. From what I'm sayin' it sounds like Superconductor was just one big fight and I don't wanna concentrate on that at all. There were some really fun times, a lot of brotherhood. They WERE my brothers, for a while there; but that's rock 'n' roll. It doesn't last forever. But damn...it could've lasted a little longer than 14 months.

E: Sixteen.

N: God, I haven't even STARTED talking about the splinter groups of Superconductor, have I? It's kind of weird...Sean had this rap thing going. I just totally laughed when he told me about it; and he showed me these pictures—y'know, it's like him kind of, grabbing his crotch, and some girl with a whip y'know, holding this guy by the hair or something like that, whipping some guy on the floor. They're called M.C. Meat and DJ Dominatrix. I really thought it was laughable, y'know; but he started playing me some tapes of stuff he'd done at home on his 4-track, and it was pretty good. Kind of like, oh, I dunno, De La Soul stuff; kind of light, but he's a pretty good rapper, and he has some good samples too, y'know that James Brown, "I Feel Good"? Well, he samples that, and it's pretty cool.

E:—I was TRYING to be like, NWA and 2 Live Crew! N! I wish him all the best of luck; maybe he could get big in a Beastie Boys kind of way, or like the Red Hot. Well, I might as well talk about Newman. It's just mainly me and a guitar, and well y'know, it's a SONGWRITING kind of thing, getting rid of all the noise and just getting it down to a bare-bones thing. What does a song NEED? It just needs a voice and a guitar; maybe some drums, some piano or something...There's... God... Cal; Cal and Pat and Scott actually, all of who are just—I don't wanna say any-

thing about them... Well, Blair from Numb is in this band too, it's called Semiconductor, which I guess is trying to get some more mileage out of the Semiconductor name. But I dunno, I think they're just doing the straight-ahead rock 'n' roll thing, like the Del Fuegos or something. Oh yeah, Keith: Keith and the Conductors—E: Him and those cheap suits. N: No, no, they're not CHEAP suits. It just adds to his reputation as this big, y'know, WOMAN kind of guy in the band, 'cause it's like him and five women. I dunno who the hell they are; they just sit there and try and look sexy behind him, but, God, I dunno if any of them can even play... In terms of music, I think it's probably a Robert Palmer-type thing. I think they all just sit there and, like, slick their hair back and, he wears Italian suits; God, I shouldn't even be saying this, Keith's probably gonna hate me now, and he's about the only friend I got left in the band, the only friend left who's in his right mind, not zonked out in one way or another. Oh yeah, did I mention the Warren Westling experience? Basically Warren doing his drugged out funky wah-wah solos endlessly. And Jesus, is that all of them? Oh (laughs), perhaps the lamest of all the bands—no, no, no, no, I shouldn't say it's "lame." I just don't see how it can work; the two Mikes, they've got this band called "Mike 'n' Mike"; I guess it's supposed to be like a David & David thing. "Welcome to the Boomtown" or something, but y'know, they're two bass players, and what the hell you can do with two bass players? It's supposed to be them with two basses and a drum machine, maybe some sampling or something... I guess it's kind of cool, we're all doing what we want to do; I mean, now Semiconductor's kind of gone... But we're not gone yet. We're doing our farewell show at the Cruel Elephant November 3rd with Forbidden Dimension.

For the record, what WERE Semiconductor's influences?
N: Influences. Man. God. That's so hard when you've got a band with so many people, with so many diverging tastes. I mean, Warren's really into the power-trio thing like Cream or uh, Traffic and Sean's kinda got the rap thing going... I can't say that rap's been any kind of influence, really, but we do have this one thing that's kind of

got a disco beat, and Sean really pushed for that... Not to say he's really into the dance thing so much, he's kind of into industrial dance... like, uh, early Ministry, and Skinny Puppy... God, and me, I like the folk-rock thing. I'm really into the Seekers, and Simon & Garfunkle...

E: (jokingly) Burt Bacharach.
N: Actually, I'd completely forgotten about that; he IS an influence on me. He was a great pop-song writer. Not just Burt Bacharach; I'm a big fan of all the Brill Building songwriters, like King & Goffin and Lieber & Stoller; they just churned out amazing songs. And along the same lines, Neil Diamond, one of their contemporaries who just wrote amazing songs. That's why we paid tribute to him the way we did. He wrote great, simple melodies; he was based on melody. I guess that's what broke me apart from Semiconductor: I wanted more melody in there. Maybe Neil Diamond had a hand in breaking us up. God (laughs), what's Keith into?

E: Bill Bruford. (all-round hilarity)
N: Keith's really into Bill Bruford, and the solo Robert Fripp albums and stuff... Brand X... Scott Gubbers' really into U2 and simple minds; Cal's kind of into hardcore, like, I dunno, Misfits, Exploited. Pat's kind of into the really boring kind of college-rock stuff like Del Amitri...

E: Change my influence to Betty Boo.
N: (laughs) Change Sean's influence to—no, no, that's not very realistic—
E: (pouting) I LOVE Betty Boo!
N: It's too new.
E: Neneh Cherry and Betty Boo!
N: Early Ministry and Skinny Puppy.
E: House music changed my life.
N: Why don't you ask how our reputation as a live band will translate to recorded vinyl?

How is that relevant?

E: Because it's a question that we've got a good answer for.
N: Yeah. Recorded vinyl. I think Semiconductor in the recording studio and Semiconductor live is a totally different thing—

E: Let the people decide.
N: Yeah, yeah; we cut some tracks down at Mushroom with uh, the guy, Tom Cochrane twiddlin' the knobs... It's gonna be a posthumous release on Scratch Records. It's basically

me and Keith who OWN the rights to Semiconductor now. We're not gonna continue it, but we're gonna put out the single. Maybe we'll make a few bucks off it, maybe we won't, but that's cool. Anyway, we figure Tom Cochrane is really gonna get us an extra, maybe... two thousand... Did you know Kevin Kane came to see us, from the Grapes of Wrath? We're critical darlings! Did I mention—have I seemed very pompous during this interview?

Yes.

N: Yeah, well, everybody seems to think I've got kind of a swelled head, but I don't think that's the case at all. I mean, have I LIED about anything? What did I ever say about myself that was false? These people: I CARED about them. That doesn't make my head too big.

It makes your HEART too big!
N: It makes me a FOOL! "Love until your arms break..." and they'll treat you like a fool... I guess I did care too much, maybe I did. Is that a crime, to care too much? Am I babbling? Soooooooperconductooooor... You know how you spell that? **E: I know how to spell Semiconductor: K-A-R-L.**
N: Well, I don't think that's particularly funny. A lot of people said that, and a lot of people started saying how I was like, the genius behind the band or whatever—

Show-stealer.

N: I didn't say anything against it; I just said, "Stop calling me a show-stealer." I guess 'cause I didn't deny it with all my heart and soul, people thought I was kind of a big-headed person.

Well, you should have stamped out those rumours right when they reared their ugly heads; then maybe today you wouldn't be where you are.
N: Maybe today we wouldn't all be in a bunch of different pieces...

Any hope for a Semiconductor reunion?

N: A reunion?
E: Oh no, don't even THINK about talking about a reunion...
N: We haven't even finished our last show yet. We're not even gonna think about a reunion. Maybe, I dunno, five or ten years down the line, if we're all... y'know... still on good terms... yeah, maybe we'll open for Spunk, maybe do a whole bunch of old New Wave covers; something really progressive.

Two Bits' Worth: Ex-Superconductorites Comment on The Breakup

WARREN WESTLING

Well...uh...I've been working on these things I call SOUND SCULPTURES. You see, I...uh...take...like Rock and I kind of chip away and work at it and uh... What was the question again?



MIKE KERLEY

That girlfriend-lucker fucked my girlfriend.



SCOTT GUBBERS

Men are men, and women are women. This thing with the hair has gone way too far. I'm no sissy. And Keith, man...I'd say to him "Hey, I want some bitches too," and he would just laugh in my face. And another thing: Bamf got a raw deal.



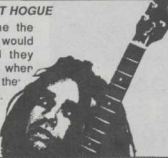
SEAN ELLIOT

I'm tired of the muthafuckin' jackin'.



PAT HOGUE

What always made me the maddest was that they would cancel practices and they wouldn't tell me. And when there WAS a practice, they tell me it was cancelled.



KEITH PARRY

I don't see what the problem is. I thought I did an amazing job of managing this band. All I know is I did what it took to keep Karl satisfied and, well...Karl's got a very healthy appetite. If anyone's got a problem with that, well, I know a hundred other skinny long-haired guitar players who'd kill to be in Semiconductor. It's a damn shame this had to happen now. I was going to take this band over the top.



CAL (last name unknown)

All I know is that it's over, and that makes me sad.



MIKE ROHALY

Isn't that fitting? Karl gets all the glory and all the attention but does none of the work. That was Semiconductor for you.



THE SUPERCONDUCTOR SPIN-OFFS

THE WARREN WESTLING EXPERIENCE

Bad psychedelic noodling coupled with incoherent rambling, Canada's Roky Erikson has borrowed the talents of 54-40 backbone Matt Johnson. Be warned.



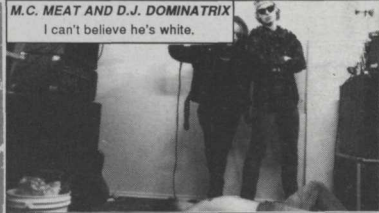
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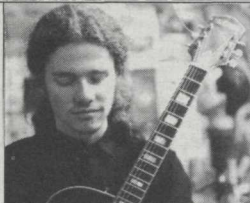
M.C. MEAT AND D.J. DOMINATRIX

I can't believe he's white.



NEWMAN

Karl Newman's solo venture recalls the spirit of the Brill Building songwriters while retaining a 90's pop sensibility and sensitivity. If Tim Buckley cheered up, he might have been Newman. "Call it what you want; it's pretty fucking good."



SEMICONDUCTOR

Heavy Northern Pikes feel with a wacky collegiate edge; this band is destined for moderate MuchMusic rotation.



KEITH AND THE CONDUCTORS

Near perfect marriage of new wave emotiveness and razor sharp progressive rock.



Keith Parry photos

SHINDIG

There is a competition in our midst. A competition very different than most because the rules, usually ingrained in the minds of the competitors, are completely invisible. What is the position of an artist in an artistic competition? If art is self-expression then a competition becomes a judgement of personalities.

Now, if SHINDIG were a figure skating contest, we might have a better idea of how it should be judged. That is, the standards for the artistic expression, though unspoken, have become quite rigid in the art of figure skating. But for modern music, a label which envelopes Rock and Roll (the contemporary bastion of the free spirit), although the standard is more disguised, it definitely exists, as any musician who attempts to enter the music business can verify. That is, the invisible guide lines for modern music are created day in and day out by the various radio stations, promoters and recording industry types. They pick and choose who will be played and who will be paid. It's like an enormous SHINDIG contest the world over. Just substitute the panel of amateur judges with a group of young juniors from a major label. They judge the music according to their own bias, and decide if they want to promote any of the bands. Only we won't hear their opinions at the end of the night. We might not hear them for another year, but if they like an artist, they will eventually help him or her crawl out of the woodwork. What they base their opinions on is a mystery, but if new music really is as free form as it is touted to be, so it should be. Who can say why they like the Pistols? You just do; it's a personality thing.

Back to SHINDIG. The whole question of compromising

some sort of artistic integrity for the sake of competition is a bit unwarranted given the state of the industry. Believe me, it's a question that goes through many a mind each SHINDIG Monday (I've found more than one debate). The few audience members who leave disappointed with the judges' decision, or the musicians weeping after the announcement, should be taken with a grain of salt as these decisions are being made all the time. Feel enlightened that this time it is being made public. For the losers this may seem a bit like the enlightenment that came with the exposure of Watergate or Iranscam, but at least we know what is going on!

As for the spirit of SHINDIG, it is an 'alive and well' free-form music competition, probably the least preconception-



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hamppered / any 'battle of the bands' competition in town. Three bands play each Monday night with an added spectacular, Jokes For Beer, somewhere in between. A little inside info for anyone who wants free drinks: *What do you get when you drop a piano down a mine shaft—A flat minor* is a "one beer" joke, if you're lucky.

The friendly pub atmosphere lasts right up until the judges' decision—insert the point of this article here—and then again about five minutes later. So far the first semi-finalists are Bent—a dark hard edge crew. Here's what to expect over the coming weeks:

November 5th: Second Round Semi-Finals
November 12th: Mind the Gap, Oktatracker, TBA
November 19th: Blue Law, Medusa's Raft, Water Poets
November 26th: Bucknakeds, The Session, Za Za and the Angels
December 3rd: Third Round Semi-Finals
December 10th: SHINDIG Special
December 17th: SHINDIG Grand Finals at the Town Pump



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7. Depeche Mode • Policy of Truth
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- 2) Shinehead • Real Rock
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- 6) Stone Roses • One Love
- 7) Laibach • Sympathy for the Devil
- 8) Jazz Butcher • The Better Way
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- 10) Age of Chance • Take It!

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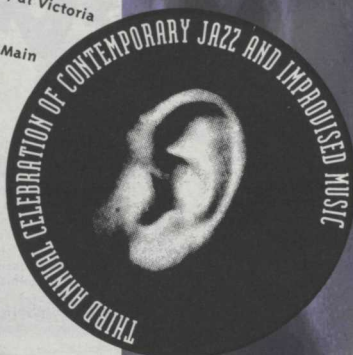
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Sleeping on pillows of boozy comfort, with a goofy grin, and maybe a thin line of drool, trailing from the corner of my mouth. Two a.m. slow slipside into the Black Velvet sleepcave. Then! One two crash, like snare drum and backbeat, and both doors are smashed from their hinges. Shaking and dehydrated, without my glasses I see two big dark blurs rushing at me, silhouetted in the hallway light. One pulls me from my warm bed, one holds a gun distressingly close to my head. Shaking from fear and adrenaline, I feel panic like a knee to the groin, I smell dope, I've got to piss.

Let's go back a few weeks. I'd been here several weeks already, and had gotten accustomed to the perpetual reek of dope and unwashed bodies, to the 3 a.m. shouting sessions, to the constant flow of people past the door, and to the vitriolic tirades the landlady directed daily at our neighbors. The three next door—I'll call them Curly, Larry and Moe—shared with my roommate and me a basement toilet and shower. They lived, with a rotating agenda of guests, in a tiny stinking mattress-strewn room next door. When the radio grew boring, I'd switch it off and sit listening to the arguments and disconnected ramblings that came clearly through our kitchen wall. One morning, as Larry was shoveling the shit from the corners of their little hovel, he found the diary of a friend who'd lived there. Whether this friend was dead, merely absent, or had been knocked down that last rung that inevitably landed him back on the Hastings Strip was uncertain. But there was a wavering in Larry's whiny, wheedling voice through the wall as he took a hit on his morning joint. "I know it's his," he said, "but I can't read books, ya know? I've tried, but I just

can't." Curly and Moe expressed incredulity but sounded almost pleased to find something else to hold against Larry. "I don't know...I was in foster homes when I was growing up, all over the place. I never learned stuff...I can read some little stuff here and there, like this part: 'I feel like I'm going crazy.'" Larry trailed off, mumbling apologetically, "but there's too many big words..."

I'm standing spreadeagled, face to the wall in the hallway, and these two guys in street clothes are putting cuffs on me, none too gently. "What's going on?" I mumble, though after about 15 seconds of whirlwind confusion, I'm starting to get it. "Shut up," says the shorter one. He frisks me, asks me if I'm carrying a rig, and at my blank look says "Needle. We have to ask that." Then, after a few seconds: "I'm going to read you your rights. Do you understand?" "Yes," say I, relaxing just a little. I tune him out—I know my rights from a childhood of television addiction—and hear the crashing next door as the police tear the place apart. I hear Larry crying. Now that my testicles have descended from my pelvic cavity, it's all beginning to be a bit fun. I remain docile and obsequious though, still unsure if I'm going to spend the night in a cell. The shakes are starting to wear off.

The very first morning in my new home, I awakened to shouts, screams of pain. Larry and Curly were beating the shit out of Moe, Larry's brother. "You want him to hit you again, Moe?" said Larry. "Fuck you!" screamed Moe and there was a thud and a cry of pain. "My fuckin' nose! I'll fuckin' kill you!" "You're fuckin' crazy, Moe!" shouted Larry. "That shit you're doing is making you crazy! Nobody likes you any more! You're a good!" Apparently this use of the dreaded g-word incensed Moe. There were more incoherent shouts, thuds and

crashes, and somehow Moe broke free from Curly's clutches. I heard him chase Larry down the hallway past my door, swinging a chain. Larry ran scared, his voice floating back: "Hide the shit, Curly, I'm gonna go call the cops." The police arrived in minutes and took Moe away, chain and all. A week later he was back and the routing was re-established.

One of the other cops comes up as mine is getting my name and birthdate. "Looks like it's the room over there," he says. "Check this guy for priors and uncuff him if he's clear." "Should we search this place?" asks my cop. The other pokes his head in, utilizes some psychic faculty unique to police, says, "Nah. Just take him inside, check him out." Into the bedroom we go, the cop cautioning me to move slowly, and to stand in the centre of the room. He tells me to turn my head while he calls me in. The phone's busy so he uses his walkietalkie and in a moment word comes back: "Clear both ways." Now the table have turned, and the cop is in servant-of-the-people mode, and apologetic as hell. He uncuffs me. He offers me a cigarette and we stand, me smoking, him not, and exchange pleasantries amongst the shattered remnants of the bedroom door. The other officer comes in and explains to me why the smash and grab commando tactics, why the gun, and so on. He was on that raid a few years ago where an officer was shot. I'm understanding, mostly because I have an overwhelming need to urinate. The dealers are being questioned outside, concocting desperate lies in an attempt to raise a smokescreen. The police are having none of it.

Skip back a month or so this time. I was taking an urgently necessary morning beer shit and thinking that perhaps I should give the dealers a chance. Sure, I thought, they're polysubstance abusers

but I had been out boozing the night before, and though I may have refused a token or a snort if offered, it would have been out of personal preference alone. Then our amazing lowtech sound amplifying walls kicked in again, and let me relapse into sickened, smug superiority. Larry yelled over Deep Purple: "I provide for you guys; look, smokes and beers." Muted assent, unenthusiastic, from the other two. "I know!" shouted Larry. "We'll get a whore Friday—yeah! We'll all fuck her, and while one guy's fucking her, we'll all be getting hardons, and we'll say 'Hurry up, man, it's my turn!' We can even slap her around if you want!" Curly mumbled "Have a fuckin' token, man." Thinking black thoughts, I finished my bowel movement, wiped, stood up, flushed, and immediately kneeled, gripped with the urge to vomit.

The cop who was on the raid where his buddy was shot comes to put closure on our time together as they lead Curly, Larry and Moe out to the wagon. He tells me they've had their eye on the place for a month (since Moe's beating?) and that the three have been selling to 15 year olds from the local school, among others. "I don't really object to somebody having a token now and then," he tells me earnestly, "but dealing to 15 and 16-year-olds is what gets to me." I hastily agree, visions of my bladder bursting dancing before my eyes. But he's not finished yet. It's the Citizens' Responsibility Hour. Call in if I'm ever in a similar situation, he advises me. As I eye the wreckage that's been made of our room, I make noises of assent. Then with comradely handshakes, the police are gone, and I'm on the phone to my roommate who was, thank god, staying upstairs. The circus is over.

Eight hours after their arrest, our stooges were back, in fine spirits, in their little room.

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Plenty of other lurid stuff has happened too: rape, fraud, kidnapping, boring murders (ie, no decapitations). The thing to remember is that these actions are not the work of a few fringe elements; rather,

Lord Caitanya, Krishnas are vegetarians who don't use spices or onions (which rank too much of the world), fuck about once a month for processional purposes, and swear off materialism. To support themselves, they sell flowers and cookbooks. But wait, it gets better.

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By now it's obvious the Krishnas are a few spokes short of a wheel but it gets even stranger when you look at some of the more involved devotees and gurus busied for over the years: possession and failure by the Toronto temple to raise millions of dollars from India through the sale of "Kishore Krishna" gramophone records.

over one million dollars in revenue; possibly the largest sum ever received by a religious leader and his followers by means of donations and cash smuggled in from India through channels used by Pranabhat Distributing Co., Krishna's cookie factory, to launder cash. In addition, two influential deities involved in the education of boys at the New Vrindaban ashram in West Virginia were punished for seducing the youngsters (so much for guru-creation), while in London, elite guru Jayaram was buried for LSD possession. He later broke away from his own cult, chanting Hare Krishnas while stomping until he was decapitated by a follower. Lucky for reincarnation.

Other brain stuff has happened, too. A fraud, no doubt, who

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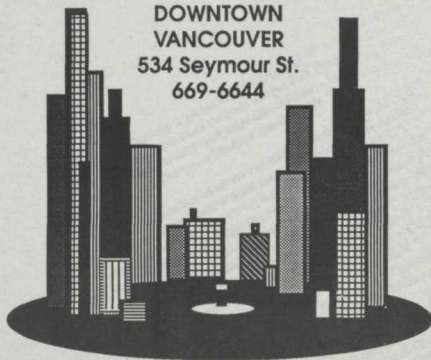
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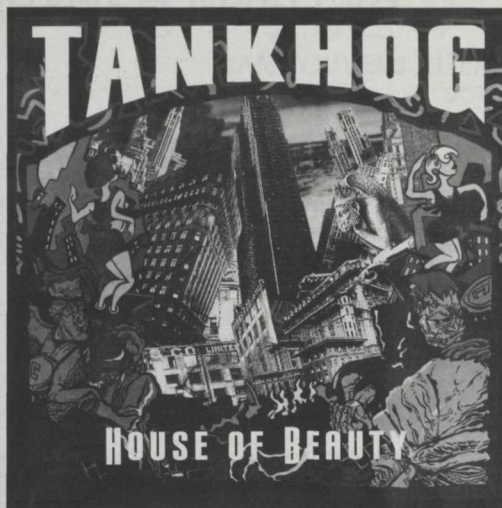
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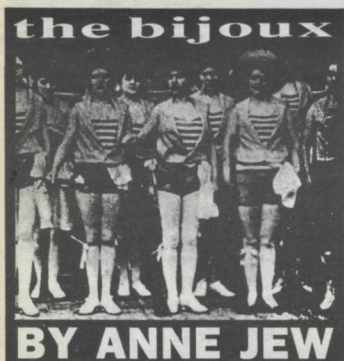
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The *Bijoux* will screen film and video artists whose works are not in the mainstream but rather attempt diversity, enlightenment and change.

New York City native Jennifer Baum is a 27-year-old filmmaker in her third year of SFU's film program. The film *Houses*, co-directed with fellow student Ken Andrelini, appeared in the recent Vancouver Film Festival as a part of the BC Student Program. Her first effort, *Mothers in Labour*, won Best Short Video Documentary at the NYU Film Festival. She is currently working on an optically printed film based on memories of growing up in New York City, and will be shooting a thesis film for an NYU film student in Tacoma about a young boy struggling with Catholicism. We joined Anne and Jenny in the latter's unheated East Vancouver home.

Jenny, what piqued your interest in filmmaking?

At first I wanted to make films because I wanted to be politically active and I wanted to make documentaries. I thought that film would be a good way of reaching people because it has such a huge audience. I also liked film because it was a way of being creative and intellectual at the same time.

So you did start with a documentary.

Yeah, *Mothers in Labour* was a tape I made in response to all the attention in the media that was put on single teenage mothers. The media kept on talking about how single teenage mothers were a drain on the welfare system and how they were ruining the fabric of our society. They never concentrated on any ways in which single mothers could learn to be independent or productive, so I wanted to make a tape that would demonstrate that these women weren't choosing to be in these situations. If I had an opportunity, they would be able to be independent people on their own.

I read about this program in the *New York Times* that trains single teenage mothers to do manual labour jobs. I went to the director of the program and asked her if I could make the tape and at first she was really reluctant and didn't want me to do it and said, "You white bitch, what do you know about these women? Why should I let you do this?" I tried to explain to her that even though I was coming from a very different background, I was struggling with my own ability to

become an independent person. Also I had had an abortion so I felt a real affinity with these women who had gone through the process of giving birth. And whereas I decided not to have a child, I felt like I could relate to them anyway.

I told the director that and she seemed to back down but I was so defensive about the women and said that I could go and sit in a class and if the women weren't too uncomfortable I could go ahead and make the film. This woman Lizze (in the class) just sort of befriended me and made me feel really comfortable so she became the main subject of the documentary.

Lizze was the only Hispanic woman. The rest were black. She seemed to be the make-up of single teenage mothers in the United States. It just reflects the make-up of single teenage mothers in Brooklyn, New York. There is a large amount of single teenage mothers that are white in the United States. People don't realize that.

You made this while you were at NYU.

I wasn't actually in the film school at NYU. I was just in the liberal arts school, but I took this documentary class with George Stoney, who's a really wonderful documentary maker.

How's the SFU film program going?

Pretty well, but it leaves a lot to be desired. I guess the best thing about the program is that there's freedom to do whatever you want. And that there's other talented students you

can learn from. I feel as though I've learned more from my co-students than I have from my teachers... [A] good thing is that it's small. The teachers know us fairly intimately, they know our names and they recognize us. They smile at us and say hello and that's not something that happens in New York very often. I wish that the program was much more organized and that there was more attention paid to the aesthetics of filmmaking in production classes rather than just in theory classes. But then I guess the thing about filmmaking is that you don't ever really learn until you do it. The great thing about SFU is that, for me, last year I had the opportunity to work on this major major film shoot.

This was the film that was in the Vancouver Film Festival.
Yeah, *Houses*. It's about two women who help each other overcome their self-destructive behaviours. And it's also about how a feeling of inner security and home has nothing to do with geographical location, but with an inner sense of strength. That came directly out of my experiences of being away from home and having to learn to make a home in Vancouver.

How was it working with a co-director?

It was extraordinarily difficult. The writing process was really wonderful actually. We really fed off each other's ideas quite well and I would feel challenged to produce something that I felt was good. It felt like I felt challenged by me as well. It also kept us disciplined because we had to come up with something [together] rather than having to do it completely on our own. Plus I think my co-director is really talented and I feel like I've learned a lot from him. Our film was much bigger than I was really handling in the time zone. The actual production was really hell and I never want to be on a set like that one over again in my life.

What did you think of the other films in the BC Student Program?

I really loved the family Car announced piece. It would have been more effective if it had been cut, but really it was quite amazing. I wasn't as happy with the program as I thought I would be.

Houses has been shown in other festivals. It was shown at the SFU student screening last spring.

Yeah, at the Ridge. It showed at the Vancouver Gay and Lesbian Film Festival over the summer. And it's showing at a place called Millennium Film Workshop in New York City, on November 1 in a group show. We've sent it around to other places, but we haven't heard yet.

It's garnering a lot of attention.

Yeah, and it's gotten Canadian distribution from Canadian Filmakers Distribution West, so that's exciting.

Have you gotten a lot of feed-

back on the film?

Yeah, very mixed feedback, but basically people love it. With criticisms.

In your film, there's male frontal nudity and you didn't really show his face.

Right. It was a direct response to the way men photograph women on film all the time. We wanted to react to the way the male looks at the object. We wanted to fragment his body by cutting off his face and making him be Anyman USA or Anyman Canada or Anyman Western Civilization: as the object of a woman's desire.

In your films a main theme is women: women's issues and their relationship to society, to each other, to men.

The point of that is to break down this myth in our patriarchal culture that women are only complete and happy if they have a man. I wanted to show women being able to find love and strength from other women and feel like they could grow and become healthy and happy in an environment like that. And of course, it's always nice to have a lover; it's a good relationship. But it's not the end all and be all of life. I think women need to have that reinforced over and over and over and over and over and over and over and over again and that's why we made the film like that.

Are there any other women filmmakers that you admire or like?

I really liked the film *A Question of Silence* by Marisa Carris. It's about three women who simultaneously kill a cheater. They all enter this clothing store for different reasons and the man treats each of them miserably. And all three of them spontaneously beat him to death. Then they have a trial and the verdict is the women all sort of bond. You go back and you see the lives of these three women that killed the man and how horrible their lives are and how completely oppressed they are in their situations as women and you understand why they decided to kill this cheater. It's a great film. I really loved *Born in Flames* by Lizze Jordan and I saw saw a brilliant film last night at the Vancouver Film Festival: Mary Daniel's *Connecting Lines*.

Did you ever see *Calling the Shots* about women directors? They interviewed Sherry Lansing who was the president of Twentieth Century Fox and they asked her what she thought the role of women as filmmakers in Hollywood.

She said it's no problem at all. I'm a woman and I made it to the top and there's more and more women making films. I think that's all bullshit. It's really difficult for a woman to direct and that there's a tremendous macho attitude in the film world. And here's this tremendous hierarchy in the film world too that's just absolute bullshit, where the director becomes a godlike figure that is superior to everyone around him or

her and it takes on this huge mystique, but it's a group endeavor.

One of my mistakes when I was directing was that I expressed self doubt, which is sort of my style in general. In my life, whether it's true or not, and these men would immediately jump on me and take over because I expressed self doubt vocally. Whereas my partner, I could tell, was experiencing internal doubt, but he just didn't vocalize it and no one bothered him. It seems like that pretty much sums up the way women and men, maybe on a very superficial level, relate in the world. Men are much less inclined to discuss their feelings and women are much more inclined to.

You have to give up the appearance of a self-assured person who has a vision and who doesn't need anyone if you're going to direct a film. But everybody needs help and has doubts and it doesn't have to be in a very macho sort of setting. I think that's been my biggest problem trying to direct. [I feel pretty much comfortable being around women. I think I'd feel more comfortable being around an woman crew although I've never done it. I haven't had the opportunity to do it.]

You have to be really ruthless to direct. Well, you don't have to be but it seems to be the general norm and I don't want to live my life like that. It is being ruthless a male behavior?

What do you think of the film scene in Canada in comparison to the States?

I'm currently trying to ask myself that question in terms of my own life because I'm trying to decide if, as an independent filmmaker, it would be better to be in the States or in Canada. I think, clearly, as someone invested in making Hollywood type films it would be definitely more advantageous to be in the States. But I don't see myself making films like that so I don't know.

In Vancouver, for instance, there's Cinecruce, a film co-op that provides equipment for very cheap prices. Then there's the NFB [National Film Board] which is very supportive of filmmakers. It gave me thousands of dollars to seven different women to make a five minute film about feminism. That's incredibly generous. Our film was about twenty-five minutes long and it cost us nine thousand dollars. It blows my mind to think that an institution like the NFB exists in Canada and people have criticized the NFB because they say that the creation of the NFB has inhibited the growth of the commercial film industry in Canada, but I think it's really great that the NFB has funded the films that it's funded because they're unique and unusual films and it's wonderful that the Canadian government supports films like that.

It seems like there are a lot of independent films that come out of the States. I don't know where the hell these people get their money from. New York State gives out a lot of money to filmmakers. I know what's going to happen with the NEA [National Endowment for the Arts] now, but it's not something to count on anyone at all. I

know that Film Video Arts—an independent film and video centre where I worked over the summer in New York had lost about twenty percent of its funding from NEA. Not because what Film Video Arts does is controversial, but just because the Reagan administration had cut the NEA's budget. Others states—like California—are very generous in their funding to the arts. Washington is so generous in funding the arts, but not necessarily film. And then there's private investors that you have to get. I think that's probably how a lot of people get funding in the States.

How did you get money for this film?

The school gave us a budget, between one to two thousand dollars and then the rest came out of Ken's and my pockets. From last year's money basically. And it still costs money every time we send it off to another festival. It just keeps on costing money.

And how about the different independent film scenes?

Actually what got me really excited about going to film school in Canada was when I saw *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing*. A lot of independent films made in Canada are really great like *Top of My Head*. Mainstream Canadian films, like *My American Cousin*, are just as bad as mainstream American films. It was well done, but it just didn't excite me.

One thing about America is that it's more exciting and the issues are hotter there. At least from here they are.

There's something very American about *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer*. Not that there aren't serial killers in Canada, but there's something so desperate and so life-threatening about the United States these days. The United States is a very violent society getting more and more violent and conflicts arise out of that that make for interesting film subjects like Spike Lee's stuff. I have a lot of problems with Spike Lee, but the issues he deals with are really important to me. Canadian culture isn't that important to me. I don't think it's that important to me. Canada, but just being here it doesn't feel like it's as dynamic a society. If independent film reflects the cultures in which they come from then I think that US independent films are more dynamic than Canadian independent films.

I noticed your company is called Eggplant Productions. I hold a special place for eggplants in my heart. When I was little my mother brought home an eggplant and I fell in love with it. I was about six or about it became the most beautiful thing in the world. I just wanted to hold and love it and take care of it. I brought it into my room and I would lie in bed with it and caress it. Then she took it away from me to cook it and I was absolutely devastated and I cried and I cried. I don't know if it was the most beautiful thing in the world. I was struggling with my own ability to

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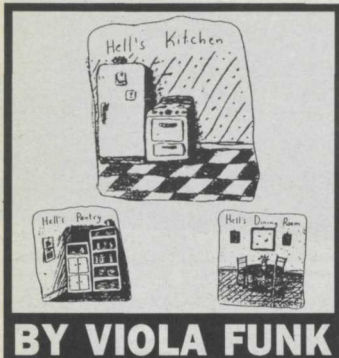


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I dunno what it is, but the West End seems to breed great fish 'n' chips shops. For one, Bud's. I can think of few better ways to pass a wet Vancouver evening this time of year than sitting in this unassuming little eatery on Denman, nursing a cold Hi-Test and anticipating the consummate fixin's that emerge from the kitchen. Said kitchen occupies the back half of the place and is open to the eating area so's you can witness the bandanna'd cooks doing their thing and eavesdrop on conversations among the familial staff. For that matter, the whole place has the atmosphere of a neighbourhood watering-hole, but one frequented by families with small (though invariably unoffensive, well-behaved) children. There's always a table or two of old regulars sitting around downing pints and looking suspiciously at any patrons they don't recognize, just to authenticate the pub feeling about it I guess. Hey, that's cool by me. Myself, I sit and watch the pedestrian traffic go by on Denman, an occupation never without intrigue. Last time I was there a little girl, obviously an

old hand at the Bud's thang, upon entering with her dad reached over my table to flip the sign on the windowill around from "closed" to "open", which the staff had neglected to do. That's the kind of place it is. In terms of grub, I highly recommend both the halibut and chips and the fishcake dinner. FishCAKE, not fishsticks: two patties of a spicy fish/mashed-potato stuffing-like substance deep-fried to golden-brown perfection. The chips are dang tasty themselves, and the oyster dinner is definitely worth a try, though I don't know that I could eat a whole one on my own. I think they're an acquired taste I haven't acquired yet. Anyways, yet another cool thing about Bud's, they serve tea the proper way, leaving you to put the teabag in yourself. I like that. A heapin' platter of food, a beer and a pot of this libation will set you back 10 or 11 bucks and be worth every last red cent. You can also take away (besides the other offerings on the menu) "Fish Bits," which sound kooky enough to appeal: one buck for a half-order, two for a full one.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Olympia Oyster and Fish Company rules. This little gem, tucked away amongst the materialistic carnage of Robson St between Burrard and Thurlow, makes damn nigh the finest fish 'n' chips in the city and doesn't charge an arm and a leg to do it either: \$5.45 for two pieces of cod 'n' chips, a dollar more for halibut 'n' chips. It's essentially a take-out joint, purveying everything from lox to Knorr Soup mixes, but there're narrow stool-lined counters on two walls where you're welcome to perch and chow down. The cold drinks case offers Dad's Root Beer, among other delicacies, and every day there's a special from the kitchen on offer: shark, or orange roughy, or squid, or some such exotic fare. I stick to the basic cod or halibut and chips, and have never been disappointed. (Nor have dining companions who've tried the specials, don't get me wrong.) These guys's expert melding of the lightest, goldenest batter with the flakiest, melt-in-your-mouth fish rivals that of the Salty's in Surrey. God rest its soul; we're talkin' seafood manna here. And the vinaigrette-anoiced coleslaw is to be reckoned with as well. Nor is this place short on atmosphere; lots of customers are greeted by name and long neighbourly discussions often ensue. As for the two (Italian?) proprietors, if they're not actual brothers, they sure seem like it. Camaraderie city, Olympia must be the best holdout against pretension on the length of what used to be "Robsonstrasse". Remember?

Ah, well, you can sit and mourn for the pre-car-stereo days and tackle a steaming platter of real comfort food, and end up feeling not half bad after all. If several degrees greasier.

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Tuesday 25 September
UDS have this weird theory that since you paid a whole \$6.99 for the show, you should be able to do what you damn well please. The audience definitely took advantage of this and joined them on stage. Although sometimes as many as ten people were up there, everything was kept under control by UDS's rapper, Rude Boy. Lacking those annoying macho posturings of most male rappers, he was instead extremely energetic, having a great time and good-naturedly dancing with the fans. Similarly, the guitar player re-

mained unperturbed while people played air-guitar behind him.

The music lived up to the mass adulation. Hailing from Holland, UDS gets a fresh perspective on North American musical trends and returns it in a stimulatingly fast and heavy blend of rap, funk and metal—just like the posters promised! **June Scudeler**

MARIANNE FAITHFULL Commodore Ballroom

Sunday 7 October
People of all ages, shapes, and sizes crammed into the Commodore to see the legendary Marianne Faithfull, and judging by the roars

of the crowd, the show was a success. Cigarette-wielding Marianne looked fantastic and seemed to be quite happy with herself. A talented crew of two provided worthy back up to an excellent show. Several Stones songs quenched the thirsty mass, as well as a variety of songs from Faithfull's career a la the *Blazing Away* album.

Some yahoos scattered in the audience were so psyched they wouldn't let her take a breath without assuming the song was over. This lead to wild and premature clapping, stamping, and yip yip yipping. I can't say I recall having heard such loud & enthusiastic appeals for encores in my life. She played four in two separate sets, saving "As Tears Go By" for very last. One thing is for certain: Marianne Faithfull has a friend in Vancouver. **Caroline Lengford**

DANZIG/TROUBLE Commodore Ballroom

Monday 8 October
Upon entering the Commodore, I expected to leave with ears ringing; seeing the earplugs being sold at the bar instead of alcohol warned me that I would probably be deaf by the end of this all-ages gig. The Marshalls were stacked high on stage and the Commodore was doing its usual trick of playing their version of "hard rock"—The Scorpions, Lee Aaron and other shitty bands—at the loudest possible volume.

The opening band, Trouble, was a fast, loud, obnoxious metal thrash band. They didn't impress the audience much despite their slight Black Sabbath feel; I was surprised to see them doing a show with Danzig as their music styles are so different.

After a seemingly endless interval, Danzig finally showed up. They opened right into the first three songs of their new album. In fact, during the course of their show they played every song from *Danzig II—Lucifuge*, as well as the main ones from their first record.

While ex-DOA drummer, Chuck Biscuits, loomed over the stage on his raised drum kit, the guitarist continually threw his specially-embossed guitar picks to the audience, Glenn Danzig thrashed and screamed his way around stage, and the bassist ignored everyone, playing with his back to the audience most of the time. The band played true to their distinct, polished sound in the loud and fast way that the audience expected and wanted.

I was particularly impressed by John Christ's excellent guitar playing. With a kind of wild intensity, he kept up the fast-paced energy so central to the band, while simultaneously manipulating the actions and reactions of the audience. Glenn Danzig was obviously the head dude, though, giving the impression of being a tad on the self-centred side. However, it cannot be denied that he has a powerful voice and an intriguing way of presenting his lyrics and music.

Although I enjoyed the gig in its loud and abrasive way, next time it might be a wise idea to



invest in a pair of those earplugs.
Angle Finley

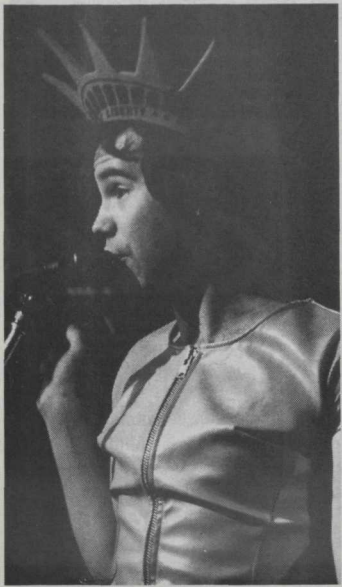
MAJEK FASHEK Town Pump

Tuesday 9 October
The crowd at the Town Pump was small on Tuesday mainly due to North America's unfamiliarity with Majek Fashek, however the lack of people did not prevent Fashek and his twelve piece band, The

Prisoners of Conscience, from giving an energetic performance. They began with a musical introduction, "Let the Righteousness Cover the Earth." Fashek made a grand entrance, dressed in a long red robe and a tall black leather hat, tolling a bell and urging the audience to "repent." The red robe was then discarded, revealing army fatigues underneath.

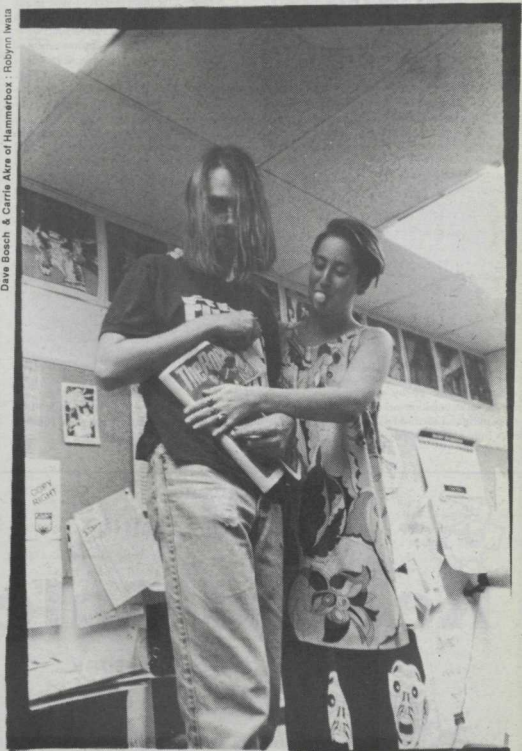
The band played two long

sets separated by a short break. Fashek and his band have created their own unique sound, mixing traditional African rhythms with Reggae, and highlighting the mix with Fashek's clear and intense vocals and the distinctly Nigerian accent provided by two talking drums. Fashek lead the band through material from the new album, including a fantastic version of Bob Marley's "Redemp-



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tion Song." They even inserted a chorus of Billy Roberts' "Hey Joe," Jimmy Hendrix style, into "I've Got the Feeling." Fashek also did a song called "Majek Fashek in New York," written in astonishment at finding homeless people and beggars in the United States; he said he expected this in Nigeria but never imagined he would find the same situation in America.

The tone of the evening was definitely upbeat, though, with Fashek dancing wildly about the stage, his dreadlocks down. When he stopped to ask "Are you happy?" he got a quick and enthusiastic response from the crowd, who had long since occupied the dance floor. Fashek saved "Send Down the Rain," the song which made him a national hero and success, until the very end of the show. Majek Fashek is on his way up, and we can be guaranteed of more great things from this man. If you missed this show, be sure to get the album. Then wait impatiently for his return. **Catherine Dickson**

CLEGG & SAVUKA Commodore Ballroom

Thursday 11 October
Despite announcements to the contrary, the opening band was The Samples with their all too familiar Reggae beats and Sting-like vocals. They managed to stir the crowd's interest slightly but left much to be desired.

Johnny Clegg and Savuka opened with "Bombs Away," one of the more overtly political songs from their latest release, *Cruel, Crazy, Beautiful World*. They played for almost two hours straight, drawing material from their three albums. The traditional Zulu dances performed by Clegg, Zulu and Dlanga drew the greatest responses from the sell-out yet rather quiet *Thirtysomething* university crowd; with much cooing by Clegg, they sang along to songs such as "Siyayilanda" and "Dela." Between songs such as "Asimbonanga," and "One (Hu) Man One Vote," Clegg paused to explain Zulu lyrics or

comment on the South African situation. But the show was not just concerned with politics; the encore paired a football song with "Ring On Her Finger."

Clegg obviously enjoyed himself, although he sometimes seemed caught between playing, singing and his never ending urge to dance. His deep admiration for Zulu music and culture shone through, proving once again that pleasing Zulu rhythms combined with contemporary music add up to an extremely polished and enjoyable performance. **Catherine Dickson**

ORGANIZED! S.U.B. Ballroom

Friday 12 October
Seattle's Hammerbox appeared as part of this six band West Coast extravaganza. DISORDER asked the tasty Carrie Ake (vocalist) and oh-so-tender Dave Bosch to assess the bands that joined them on stage for a truly inspirational pantomime tribute to Hands Across

America that memorable autumn evening.

The Evaporators:

Dave: I thought they were dis.
Carrie: Dis!
Dave: Discordant. They were discordant, but I liked 'em.
Carrie: I loved Nardwuar's pants. The pants were hot. The crown was good. I felt good about it.

Gas Huffer:

Dave: They always mow me over.
Carrie: They rock.

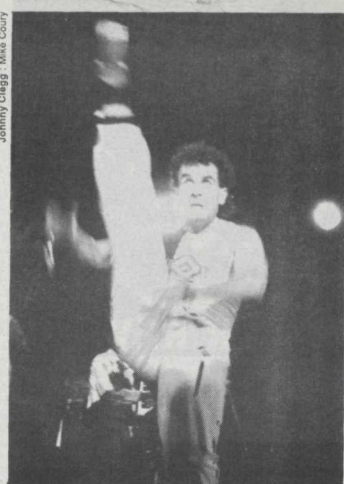
Mr. T Experience:

Dave: I couldn't believe it myself. I've never seen 'em before and I couldn't believe it.
Carrie: Loved 'em.

Fastbacks, Posies: any comments?

Dave: Clear favorites.
Carrie: The Posies are good people.
Dave: They've been doing it and they still do it and it's great.

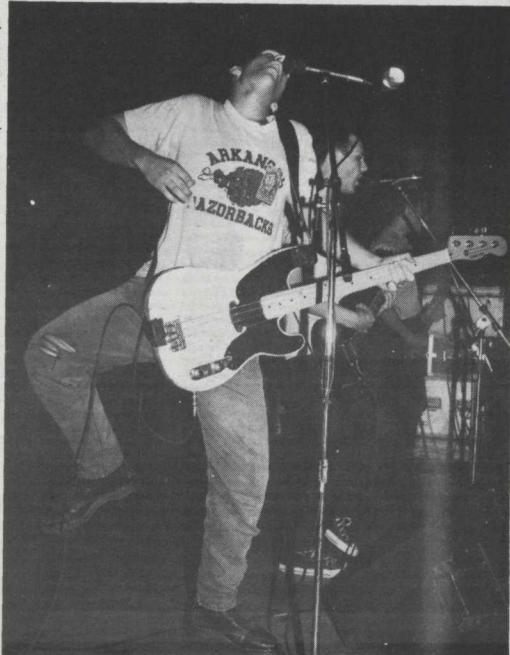
But what about Hammerbox itself? Asked about the band's goals, nuclear tri-city Kennewick, WA-bred Ake explains: "I'd like to put out good music and do it at a level where you can do a lot of playing, rather than just going off and getting signed and making records and being away from everything. Not that being signed would be bad, but there's no rush.



We've got one year behind us and I think that if we're doing this well, then there's no reason not to take our time and do it well." Preparations are underway for an

early 1991 EP release. (Contact: Big Flaming Ego Records, c/o Modern Enterprises, 907 Pine St. #701, Seattle, WA 98101) **Lloyd Ullana**

The Mr. T Experience: Mike Coury





UNDER REVIEW

AFRO'S Kicks! Afrolicious CBS/R

The names of this group and their record should give away their theme even before you listen to such cuts as "Afro Like A Mutha," "Coolin' with the Fro," "On the Fro Farm," "Afro sin the House," and others. Totally original, the Afro's have picked up a concept, not to mention hilarious, concept sure to attract some attention. The excellent singles "Why Do I Wear My Fro" and the hit "12 Feel It" harken back to early 70s disco sound. At one point they mimic PE's "Megablast" ("Oh please, Oh please, Oh please, just give me just one more hit...") but replace the lyrics with their own crazy rhymes ("Oh please, Oh please, Oh please, just let me use your pick..."). Their style? Funky rhythms with lots of horns, high hats, disco riffs and groovin' sounds that keep the listener busy. On a more serious tip is "Straight From the Penial" and "Federal Offense" which deal with self-defense and how the law treats the situation. Produced by Jam Master Jay of RUN DMC, this album is SLAMMIN'! But you ask, "Do these guys REALLY have afro or is that just their name?" Well, there's only one way to find out, isn't there? **Terror T**

BLOODSTAR Bloodstar Red Decibel/Desert Engine

Platzpromenade Park on magnettape. Sikorsky drum programming, comic-book mythology, hypnotic synth lines and guitars that outman Killdozer, Zurich trio Bloodstar have their former #5 Spin/LP (May 1990) import re-released to an (otherwise) un-suspecting North American market. New age from the sewers of Zurich. Windham Hell, indeed! Highlights: "Dawn," "World Is

Dead, "Ten Thousand Years" Ullana

CELTIC FROST
Vanity/Nemesis
BMG/Norise
Mid-tempo underground metal verging on commercial radio breakthrough. Restrained and too clean considering Roli Moulinian (Young Gods, Wiseblood, Swans) produces, at the same time driving and full bodied. Geddy Lee fans take note: the big guy does back-up vocals on "Restless Seas" and "Wings of Solitude." Wanky, (see Suddica/Rocky George) ill-placed solos abound as well— "Name of My Bride," Bowie's "Heroes," "Third from the Sun," "The Heart Beneath." Lots of cool tempo change-initiated "ughs" included. **Ullana**

CHINA CRISIS Collection A&M/Virgin

No one ever made any sense of the fake jazz and honky soul of China Crisis in these parts, so this *Collection* is beyond me. Hints of Style Council and late Roxxy Music with the deference from Ripples is a rude point. Includes "Alphabet" and "White," the mid-80s *Soundproof* follow-up "Working With Fire" and the exquisite "You Did Cut Me." **Ullana**

CHRIS AND COSEY Reflection Cargo/Wax Trax

Someone's got some big plans for techno whizzes Chris Carter and Cosey Fanni Tutti, what with the re-releasing of some of their earlier import LPs—*Songs of Love and Lust*, *Heartbeat*, *France*, and *Techno Primitiv* (which actually was available in Canada), plus *Reflection*, a summary of these LPs unto itself.

Shimmering, sexy adventures in electro-dance and minimalism. **Ullana**

DIOXIN demo tape Dioxin

A five-song, sub-twenty minute analysis of Swiss military drafting procedures ("The price for a healthy environment is less comfort and less money. But as long as the multinational corporation strives for profit, the destruction will continue. Soon we will die in masses like a swarm of wretched grasshoppers." - from "Holo-caust"); and post-apocalyptic visions in "Atomic Death" ("Worldwide 400,000 scientists have agreed that the academy [sic] intelligence of mankind—now working on the preparation of and production of atomic and chemical mass-annihilating methods," courtesy of one very angry German-Swiss hardware band, Dioxin). Intelligent interpretation and discussion of issues and, while the drumming requires some work, their energy lyrically and musically makes them a welcome addition to our airwaves and well worth the 78 cents to write to the publisher for more information on the availability of this cassette. (Contact: Dioxin c/o Marcel Reich, Visura 224, 70 14 Trin, Switzerland) **Ullana**

THE FALL A Sides 1940-1989 PolyGram/Beggars Banquet

Why pester you loaded ex-packs when you can release a six-pack like this and juice up your bank account on your own? Brix is gone and the enigmatic, profane, comic, and anything-else-you-want-to-call him (number is another one), Mark E. Smith is relying on the 400 pathetic souls who showed up to the Fall's Commodore show in 1988 to pick this collection of singles up. And tell two friends. Seventeen tracks including "Alphabet" and "Cruiser's Creek" from *This Nation's Saving Grace* LP, "Mr. Pharmacist," and a remixed version of "Jerusalem" minus the "I was walking down the street when I tripped up on a discarded banana skin" episode from the soundtrack to the Michael Clark Dance Company's production *I Am Curious Orange*. **Ullana**

THE FASTBACKS Poplaine Very Powerful Motor

Poplaine precedes the song with *Carg*, I've been waitin' sooo long for it. To finally have it in my sweaty mits brings tears to my eyes. Okay enough gushing! I love this band, I do, but I truly believe that even if I never ever heard of The Fastbacks, I'd still love this album as I do, Kurt, Neil, and even guest appearances by Lulu! Sigh. Maybe it's just nostalgia and

sad old highschool memories (yikes, they really have been around a long time). I've heard folks say "it's the same old mint melies" but damn they do them old mint melies good! Perhaps too well? In *The Summer* a tune already well known by CTR listeners, kicks off the LP. Had I only heard this version I'd no doubt think "Wow" but I've heard at least two other renditions and this one seems as though they just wanted to fix one more thing. It's like writing an essay and not having it due for three weeks. Each of the tunes you read it, you just want to change one more word to make it excellent to the point that sure it'll be an A paper technically but it might just pass interest-wise. In other words, it comes off a bit too slick. However the second track is an oh-so-cool cover of The Painted Sisters' "Apologies." This album also contains a few oddities: handclapping sounds on "Apologies," a funny car sound on "Whatto Expect," acoustic guitar (7) on "I Won't Regret," and what seems to be a Fastbacks in *Seasons* called "Last Night I Had a Dream That I Could Fly." A few of these songs (e.g., "Always Tomorrow" and "Better Than Before") did appear on the *Bike Toy Clock* Gift live cassette which kept Fastbacks' fans happy for a little while but this is a slab of Fastbacks' VINYL, a format now very near extinction, yet the next best thing to seeing them LIVE. As all who witnessed *Nardwaz's Organized* gig on October 12 can attest, The Fastbacks kick! The last time I saw them live was a club of Fastbacks they played in (was the Venue. A club now extinct, a fate many feared for The Fastbacks, but they're back. **Miss Blinn Blinn**

HUMAN LEAGUE Romantic?e A&M/Virgin

Recaptures the magic of 1982 techno-romantic LP, *Dare*, but with lyrics that touch on the pathetic vocabularies of Trent "Telly" what, you say how innovative and crucial a performer I am and you put my face on your cover, and my record company will take out a full colour back cover ad! Reznor and Barney Summer, with an electronic pulse. Mind you, I always liked the vocal interplay between Ozzy and Mike Snow, and Miss Cathedral. "A Doorway" ("I respect your territory/there's their room in your world for me/there's their room in your mind to see/A Doorway") and the pseudo-current affairs number a la "The Lebanon." "Heart Like a Wheel" ("You can't keep the wheels turning anymore/With anger, blood, and fear/Or make any friends with an M-16/When you blast your way through here") are tender. **Ullana**

JESUS AND MARY CHAIN Rollercoster WEA/Blanco Y Negro

Tom Petty with a Husqvarna. "Rollercoster" combines "Mr. Tambourine Man" with Dinosaur Jr.'s "In a Jar." Trademark feedback does in "Lowlife." "Hit" is like a bludge in their corner of Cohen's "Tower of Song." Caution: CBC friendly. **Ullana**

Well, this doesn't sound a whole hell of a lot different than their last release *Automatic*—and who says that's a bad thing? It's the same drowning feed back, but with more melody than previous releases such as *Psychocandy*. The lyrics are not really important with JAMC, they take a back seat to the barrage of guitar. There's really no new ground being broken here except for the cover of Leonard Cohen's "Tower of Song," which I think manages to capture some of Cohen's poetry in a somewhat quick fix. If you're in the mood for a way life of the Jesus and Mary Chain, this EP is certainly the thing for it: quick, loud and fast. **June Scudeler**

MINISTRY In Case You Didn't Feel Like Showing Up WEA/Sire

More than a souvenir of last year's North American tour, this six song EP serves as a reminder to the doughhead promoters who didn't listen to the opportunity of bringing into town one of the most crucial acts on college radio playlists of recent years, Ministry, and their Mutants of Rock colleagues Thrill Kill Kult and Berlin's KMFDM. Abrasive speed metal disco selections from the last two LPs—*Land of Rape and Honey* and *The Mind is a Terrible Thing To Taste* released in conjunction with a full length video concert of the same name available at the retail level. **Ullana**

MINISTRY In Case You Didn't Feel Like Showing Up [video] WEA/Sire

SKINNY PUPPY Ain't It Dead Yet [video] Newark Productions

Chicago's Ministry and Vancouver's Skinny Puppy form the creme of the industrial crop. Despite being friends and colleagues (Al Jourgensen played on and mixed some of the tracks on *Barker* and Nivek Ogre toured with Ministry, as well as having helped write two songs for *A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Taste*), the bands manage to keep musically separate as evinced in their latest videos.

In Case You Didn't... was filmed during Ministry's 89-90 US tour and shows raw power; subtlety stripped to the bone. The stage swarms with musicians including Chris Connolly on keyboards, William Kieff on drums, Paul Barker on bass and Nivek Ogre on keyboard, guitar and vocals. Al Jourgensen, the slightly obnoxious leader, is the maniacal focus of all this activity. The high point is the pull-out-the-steps version of *Land of Rape and Honey*. Jello Biaha precedes the song with a suitably inflammatory address which begins "I pledge defiance to the flag of the United States of Captivity" and goes on to urge the crowd to let the Yankee Swastika burn, baby, burn." *Land of Rape and Honey* then crashes into all its violent, mind-altering excesses of the Depression and Nazi Germany are interspersed with the

inspired delirium chaos on stage.

In stark contrast, *Ain't It Dead Yet* consists of just Ogre, Cevin Key and D. Rudolf Guetel, lending a sense of intimacy that *In Case You Didn't...* lacks because of the latter's sheer size and stage set-up. There are no barriers here whereas the Ministry set-up consists of a wire mesh fence at the front of the stage, leaving enough space for audience members to dance and dive back into the crowd. This creates a curious sense of intimacy, a sense of being at a concert was staged merely for a video shoot. At the end of the concert, Ogre abruptly jumps into the crowd. He is pulled out by roadies sans shirt and looking quite pleased with himself, apparently unscathed. "First Aid" with its growly safety message and "Dead World Trauma Hounds" are the standouts.

It is surprising how different the music is from what was expected. Rather than being carbon copies of their albums, Skinny Puppy's *In Case You Didn't...* is a new and newly added sampling. Ministry, on the other hand, sounds amazingly close to their records, only harder and meaner. Both videos are recommended. *In Case You Didn't...* for its overpowered metal disco selections from the last two LPs—*Land of Rape and Honey* and *The Mind is a Terrible Thing To Taste* released in conjunction with a full length video concert of the same name available at the retail level. **June Scudeler**

PIECES OF LISA Great Idaho Potato Famine Plump

"The biggest thing happening right now is sort of the funk-thrash thing—Prims, Psychefunkapus, the Red Hots," admits Tom Pierce of San Francisco's Pieces of Lisa. "There's been a lot of movements toward that and a lot of labels are paying attention to these bands." While his band doesn't fall under the 'funk-thrash thing' category, Pieces of Lisa do share a level of aggression and humour ("Wilbur Meets Me," "Skinny Jesus," "Get Out of My Yard") that these bands are renowned for. Asked if the college radio suck-up for Pieces of Lisa debut LP *Great Idaho Potato Famine* has been excruciating, Pierce responds, "No, actually. We've been pleasantly surprised. We expected little. You do music for a while and you learn not to expect too much. We put the record out and all sorts of stations have really liked it." Pierce and cohorts Romeo, Fritz and Troy Sutton appear at the Town Pump on the 12th. **Ullana**

REDD KROSS Third Eye WEA/Atlantic

These guys used to be cool in a sort of psychedelic Led-Zeppe-lin-meets-Black-Flag-meets-Mott-the-Hoopole kind of way but then some bigwig got the hots for'em and decided they were cute enough to play schmalzy pop music. Lead Kross Ross (named on late 70s radio) has a hair with long greasy hair and halter tops in a musical style strangely reminis-

cent of my grade eight garage band, even songs with promising titles like "Elephant Flares" and "Shonen Knife" end up sounding like Bad Company covers done by the band that played at Greg Brady's prom. The fact that they wear elevator boots and highly flammable outfits doesn't even begin to make up for this crap they bothered to record. **Gav**

REPLACEMENTS

All Shook Down

WEA/Sire

Outtakes from Jon Bon Jovi's *Blaze of Glory Soundtrack*. The first single "Merry Go Round" is a decent simple pop song, although it bears a remarkable resemblance to "I'll Be You" from their previous LP *Don't Tell a Soul*. **Ullana**

THE WILD SWANS

Space Flower

WEA

When one talks about music that is easy to digest, one is probably talking about the Wild Swans; with a cover photo of an interesting desert and song titles such as "Chocolate Bubblegum" and "Vanilla Melange," *Space Flower* seems geared toward the hungry record buyer. This is the epitome of a record without substance. All the cuts are nice, happy tunes that say nothing except "songs for Muzak covers are still being made."

Actually, the band could be worse. At least they don't try to pretend they're deep. I mean how can you fake anyone seriously when they sing a song called "I'm a Lighthouse." They didn't even bother to include a lyrics sheet because they wouldn't take up any space, the words are repeated so often.

I guess the whole point of the album is to have fun, but they remind me too much of the Mighty Lemon Drops, whose sound is based around one or two simple ideas repeated over and over again. I also got the feeling that psychedelia was added as an afterthought calculated to make people want to listen more to the album. It didn't work. If *Space Flower* just a little too much of an OK thing. **Angie Finley**

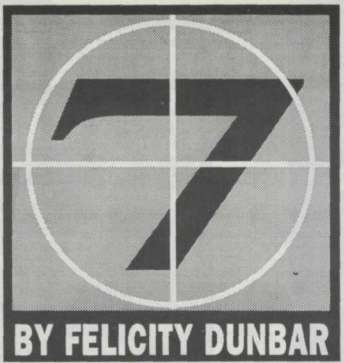
YOUNG GODS

Young Gods

Cargo/Wax Trax

Taking their cue from Ministry, even though *Discordian Nation* was by no means the first to make people want to point out that Frank Bagnoud, Cesare Pizzi, and Frank Treicher were in fact delivering their evil synth-punk brew while Jourgensen was still getting coiffed like Howard Jones, Zurich's Young Gods release their first full-length LP to last year's *L'Eau Rouge* LP and "Longue Route" 12".

Real drums, sampled strings, and a singer that gorges himself on hydrochloric acid prior to laying down the vocal tracks, the Young Gods are less static than either Ministry or Laibach, and less pretentious than Witblood, even though comparisons can be made to all three. Still, the Gods remain one of the more intriguing performers on the extensive Wax Trax roster. **Ullana**



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nce called "Scandinavia's finest moderators of scuzz" by *Forced Exposure*, Finland's Bad Vagina is one of the more interesting labels to touch this station in the past little while. CMX's *Rain* EP is in a vein similar to their *Kolmikiari* LP that was reviewed in the September *Disorder*. Finnish hardcore. Obviously mono-anglophones can't understand a bloody word since they sing in Finnish, but most of the music is pretty damn good. Lot's of fast-low tempo changes; the faster bits remind me of Terveet Kadet. Unfortunately though, it's not consistently good throughout. *Radiopuhelimet's Sinappia Ja Ketsuppia* EP is more Finnish hardcore that rips along in the tradition of early European hardcore such as Rattus or a slower Terveet Kadet. Great vocals that sound very familiar but I can't seem to place them. With Mengele, we're not getting more hardcore, but speedcore metal. At first listen, this super harsh thrash is quite appealing but the endless wanking guitar solo and the predictable style of fast-mosh-solo-fast gets tedious. Also what's with the metal band having those

obsessions with cheesy horror-movie style death lyrics? Were the lyrics meant to conform or glorify Dr. Mengele? Finally, there's Paska, a crazy goofy Finnish guy who apparently once opened for Deja Voodoo. His *Super Double Mega Maxi Hit!* EP is spoken word/beat rap along the lines of Montreal's EJ Brule. Memorable tracks include his wonderfully crazy cover of *Motörhead's* "Ace of Spades" and that CTR wonderhit "I'm Shit!" If you need more Finnish hardcore, check out *Valse Triste's* EP (Trash Can). They're similar to the Partisans or Riot Squad with their alternating 1-2, 1-2 military drumbeat and harsh guttural vocals and raw guitars. Not bad, but it does sound dated and this style has been done much better by other bands.

California's Vinyl Communications meanwhile have put out a couple of things of note as well. Amenitey was a hardcore band that I'd heard about but never heard anything from until now. In their this is *Our Struggle* EP, I found their anti-racist stand-and-unite lyrics okay but the heavy, grinding guitars and hoarse vocals bored me. No nasty edge. Nice glossy old-fad insert though. And then there's *Tiwtrench's Go Back to Europe* EP. Right on. Lot's of stuff to read there, too, with a great insert in the DK collage style. The music? Difficult to describe, how about hardcore-version-of-the-Beatles? Clips from news reports interspersed with a frantic drumbeat and distorted Big Black style vocals: interesting and quite cool.

Guess who's the big influence with *The Blitzkrieg Boys*? If you like the Ramones' first two albums, you'll love *The Blitzkrieg Boys*' five-song EP (Teenage Rebel). They've got the style right, from the vocals to the drumming to the guitar playing. Almost like having the old Ramones back but not as versatile as the Richies. Hot shit but not boring, unlike the *Wererefs* whose limited edition "It's Real" b/w "Tin the World" (Trance) single has acoustic guitars, mellow horns and an annoyingly dreamy voice that put me to sleep almost instantly. Cool name, though. For raw, nasty, hard-edged, kick-ass punk rock, check out the *Derezzies* "Mystery Maker" b/w "Wash" single (Sub Pop) or *Time to Fuck Up* EP (Empire). Both were produced by Jack Endino of Skin Yard but I do like the Sub Pop single a lot better. This is what the *Din Yards* would be if they wrote songs this good. For raw, unpolished, catchy guitar pop, try *Fertile Virgin's* EP (Harriet). Surface simplicity hides some interesting noises in the background, especially on "Mashima." Ultra cool, it grows on you. *Hammerbox's* "After All" b/w "Kept House" (Big Flaming Ego) is also guitar pop but with an eventful touch of those dark Seattle heavies. *Primo track* "Kept

House" with its cool percussive industrial guitar intro takes a look at wife beating and one is forced to think about the oppositions suggested by its title (ie, "Kept House" vs "Housekeeper"). Seattle wonderdogs *Young Fresh Fellows* "Divorce #9" b/w "Halloween 247" (Poplarna) thing is not your typical YFF fare despite its being still the product of Scott McCaughey's songwriting skill. "Halloween 247" is harder and more grunged-out, and the vocals seem as though they have been run through a pepper mill a la Billy Childish. Also, they are no longer explicitly happy and poppy and are downright scary; check out "Divorce #9": "for way too many long years I've been married to my friends sharing every single inch of our lives and more. Is that what friends are for?" and "we don't long for yesterday but we're not too fond of today." Also think about the centre label which says that "Divorce #9" is from their room-to-never-released break-up album. And by the way, what does "Folgered" mean? *Suckeye's That Cheery Sensation* EP (Family Feet) is on (oooooh) limited edition bluish-grey splashed vinyl which I guess was the only thing they could sell this totally boring and unnecessary disc of lame funnypunk. Almost as uninteresting is *The Cattle's Cattle Call* EP (Dionysus), a mixture of distorted country cowpoke music, country rock and yodeling. Kind of weird but not really very interesting. *Mooo. Fuck this* "Discontent" b/w "Jailhouse Stomp" (American Leather) is typical *Polson* Idea blasting their way through two classic songs which manage to combine all the best elements of hardcore and heavy metal. How can one band be so consistent? The anti-nazi sentiments are always a welcome listen. *Die Kreuzen* do a cover of *Wine's* "Pink Flag" and the *Germ's* "Land of Treason" in their latest release *Black & Blue* (Gyan). I'm not really that familiar with either so I really can't say how similar these versions are, but "Pink Flag" is a really cool song, good pounding drumbeat, raw wiry guitar and laid back Pink Floydish vocals. "Land of Treason," on the other hand, races wildly along with the vocalist sounding like a hyperactive, screaming *Darby Crash*. This is a hot single; it's hard to imagine how the originals could be any better than this. *Pleasure Head* (Cubist) do a fairly faithful rendition of Lou Reed's "Foggy Notion" (Gyan). "Catholic Guilt" is much more interesting, melding back music with cool female vocals that suddenly burst into a real wild. Dickless-style primal scream in the chorus. Similarly, *Laughing Hynes* feature a major screamer in "Here We Go Again" b/w "Candy" (Touch & Go). Pretty standard, slow heavy grunge but the vocals make this quite memorable.

I always approach live recordings with a little trepidation, wondering if I'm about to hear a great raw live sound or ten tons of shit. Side one of *Marshalltown Overcoat's* *Alive EP* is a "live" studio recording that sounds pretty good but the songs are fairly average. Side two is a live concert, and it suffers from more average songs and muffled vocals. The only thing really interesting on this record is the tiny organ sound. The *Overcoat* are capable of much better psychedelia than this so skip it unless you're a huge fan. For Japanese hardcore recorded live, check out the *S.O.B./Napalm Death UK European Tour* (Candy). It's a live recording of a live concert. These were recorded live while the bands were touring in Europe. Raw, insane, ripping thrash that sounds like it's been recorded underwater with a tin can and a string.

Actually, the sound is not quite that bad, but it definitely leaves a bit to be desired. Still, if you like *Napalm Death*, you'd probably like *S.O.B.* *The Sore Throat, Dead Goat* EP (Candy). *Threes* is the farewell release for Seattle's *Pure Joy*, a band that has been defunct for some time now after putting out their their critically acclaimed *Carnivore* album. Although the EP is a live recording, the sound quality is surprisingly hot. I'd say these songs are almost as good as their single "Now I Know" b/w "All the Stupid Things." Catchy pop/rock with a pop edge. What with Mr. Pure Joy Rusty Willoughby now in *Plopp*, it comes as no surprise that their four-song EP (Lucky) carries along in the same pop/punk tradition but with a slightly harder edge. One exception is "Somehow" which rips along at a truly frantic pace, reminding me somewhat of the *Hard-Ons*.

Finally, on the Pacific Rim front, Osaka's Alchemy label distributed by Public Bath is giving Steve Largent-town a run for its money. For funcore from Japan, check out the *Garlic Boys* four-song EP. Don't know what they're on about with titles like "Yokozuna," "Mad Ashtole," "The Way of the Fat Boy," and "Smegmatics." The music is all right, but I'm inclined to mo. Kitschy, juvenile Stencilist Adolescents circa their first album, skate-punk in Japanese. "Yokozuna" is the *Garlic Boys* tribute to the highest rank of sumo wrestling, and among the silly Iron Maiden riffs, you'll be able to shout out "Uchari!", "Monozashit!", "Yonkiri!" some *Garlic Boys*' recommended sumo holds. "Mad Ashtole" is probably about pre-jig bran flakes and skim milk (hold the bananas) binges, and boy, is it mad. Seemingly, even Great Michael Gerald "Hi there" question-response segment in "The Way of the Fat Boy." *Japan Bashing Volume Two* is a split EP featuring hard psychedelic grunge from *Subvert Bize* ("Butterfly," "Reprise")-wonderful innery grog, tool-and the real gem in this Alchemy assortment-*Phlymate* ("Upside Down," "Life Is Never Too Short") an all-onus combo who write melodic pop songs that still bear the rockmarks of garageband. Judging from the discipline-strained straight male L's responses to L7, Lunachicks, Dickless and the Breeders in the past, I figure this single should "move well" on the CTR SpinList. As for *Omoide Hatoba*, apparently Alchemy's got a full length CD of these guys available in Japan and their three song *Surfin' in UFO* EP is but a sampler. Listenable, experimental use of conventional instruments, unlike their paisano Mr. Merzbrow. Freeform Jazz bits and improv with hints of the *Butthole Surfers*, particularly on the title track.

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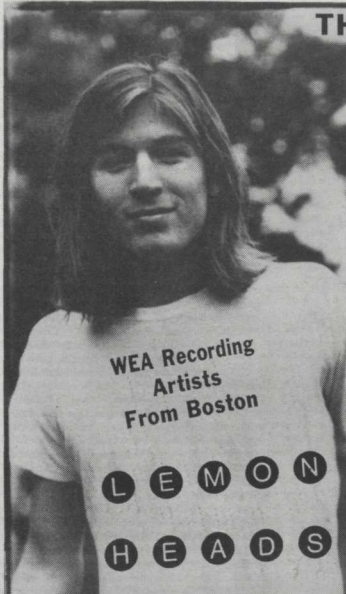


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MAYBE I'LL JUST TAKE YOUR T-SHIRT LITERALLY.

MACHO ME? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING - LUL!



GIRL, MUCH AS I LOVE PREGNANT PAUSES, AND I STRESS 'PREGNANT', I DO BELIEVE SOME EXTREMELY WEIRD SHIT IS HAPPENING TO MY TRANSPORTATION.

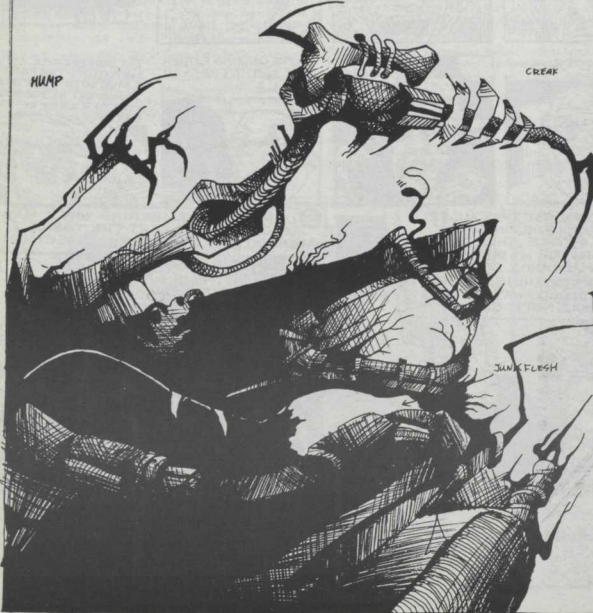
AND YOU COULD PUT ME DOWN.

OH, SURE, JUST AVOID THE 15H- HEY, 'YOU LISSENIN' TO ME?

NO.

THIS GUY ALMOST RAN OVER

OPHELIA EAT 'EM, SHE MAD, GEDDIT? HIS NAME IS 'X'S' & THEO.



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MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS COULDN'T HELP STARING.

MY MOTHER, AS USUAL, WAS POLITELY SILENT.

FATHER TRIED TO KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING AS WE SAT DOWN TO EAT.

SO, ARE YOU STILL LIVING ON JERZY ROAD?

LIVING?

HA HA HA

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY SO.

THERE WAS A LONG PAUSE.

DO YOU HAVE A JOB NOW?

I WORK.

YOU'RE LOOKING RATHER THIN, DO THEY PAY YOU WELL?

I'M THIN BECAUSE I'M SUPPORTING THE PERSON I LIVE WITH-- BUT DON'T YOU WORRY, HE'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF ME LATER.

THINKING THE WORST, THEY ALL FELL SILENT, LETTING ME FINISH MY EATING IN PEACE. THE FOOD WAS FAR TOO RICH FOR MY INFREQUENTLY USED STOMACH AND I BIT MY LIP TO KEEP FROM MOANING, I TRIED TO WIPE THE BLOOD AWAY BEFORE ANYONE COULD NOTICE.

SUDDENLY REMEMBERING WHY I HAD REALLY COME, I LEFT THE TABLE AND WALKED DOWN TO THE BASEMENT.





DISORDER DATEBOOK

THURSDAY 1 Link Dier with TT Racer at the Cruel Elephant... Skydivers with State of Mind at the Town Pump... Stepper with Triciter at 86 Street... Luther "Guitar J" Johnson at the Yule... CTR Cool Thursdays at the Pit Pub... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... PhotoSec Show continues at the AMS Art Gallery... The Little Thirt (7:15pm) & Grand Highway (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

FRIDAY 2 Forbidden Dimension with TT Racer at the Cruel Elephant... Bad Manners at the Town Pump... Hugo Torres at the Orkney Social Club... Luther "Guitar J" Johnson at the Yule... The Jitters at 86 Street... University Chamber Singers (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Art Vancouver 90 opens at the Robson Square Conference Centre... Palle the Conqueror (7pm) & Longtime Companion (10pm) at the Starlight... Tune in Tomorrow (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Park... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

SATURDAY 3 Superconductor & Forbidden Dimension at the Cruel Elephant... The Headbenders at the WISE Club... The Hopping Penguins at the Town Pump... Luther "Guitar J" Johnson at the Yule... PhotoSec Show continues at the AMS Art Gallery... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Art Vancouver 90 continues at the Robson Sq. Conf Centre... Palle the Conqueror (7pm) & Longtime Companion (10pm) at the Starlight... Tune in Tomorrow (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Park... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

SUNDAY 4 The Belairs at the Yule... Ma Wing Shing Exhibition opens at the AMS Art Gallery... Art Vancouver 90 concludes at the Robson Sq. Conf Centre... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Palle the Conqueror (7pm) & Longtime Companion (10pm) at the Starlight... Tune in Tomorrow (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Park... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

MONDAY 5 CTR presents Shindig' 90 at the Railway Club... Saffirent the Vancouver East Cultural Centre... Last to Feed the ANZA Club... The Belairs at the Yule... UBC Chamber Wind Ensembles (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Classics Night at the Pit Pub... Ma Wing Shing Exhibition continues at the AMS Art Gallery... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Ma's Better Blues (7pm) & Do the Right Thing (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Tune in Tomorrow (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Park... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

TUESDAY 6 Xenos Quartet at the Centennial Theatre... John Rannbush & Bert Jansch at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre... Major Handy & the Well Couches at the Backstage Lounge... The Belairs at the Yule... CTR World Beat Night at the Pit Pub... Ma's

Better Blues (7pm) & Do the Right Thing (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Tune in Tomorrow (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Park... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

WEDNESDAY 7 Mary with MC Tenter T at the Cruel Elephant... The Belairs at the Yule... Wednesday Noon-Hour Series with Eric Wilson (volunteer) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Hot Wednesdays at the Pit Pub... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Rema (7pm) & Saffirent (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Tune in Tomorrow (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Park... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

THURSDAY 8 CTR presents the upcoming Time Files with Bill Friesell & Wayne Norris plus Garbo's Hot (8pm, Vancouver East Cultural Centre) & Roger Baret's Strive Ensemble (11pm, Glass Slipper)... The Stoatstair at the Cruel Elephant... The Tailgaters with Last Wild Sons at the Town Pump... The Belairs at the Yule... UBC Mixed Chamber Ensembles (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Cool Thursdays at the Pit Pub... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Rema (7pm) & Saffirent (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

FRIDAY 9 CTR presents Bob Meuld at the New York Theatre (all ages)... CTR presents Time Files with Marilyn Crispell Trio plus Tom Walsh & N.O.M.A. (8pm, Vancouver East Cultural Centre) & Paul Blaney Quartet (11pm, Glass Slipper)... The Belairs at the Cruel Elephant... Andy M. Stewart & Mamas Lanny at the WISE Club... Victor Borge at the Orpheum... The Belairs at the Yule... Victor Borge at the Orpheum... Paul Hyde with Memory Day at the Town Pump... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... The Navigator (7:30pm) & Wings of Desire (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

SATURDAY 10 CTR presents Time Files with Peter Broetzmann with Kane/ Taylor Explosion (8pm, Vancouver East Cultural Centre) & Tom Walsh & N.O.M.A. (11pm) at the Glass Slipper... The Stoatstair at the Cruel Elephant... The Belairs at the Yule... Paul Hyde with Memory Day at the Town Pump... Ma Wing Shing Exhibition closes at the AMS Art Gallery... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... The Navigator (7:30pm) & Wings of Desire (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

SUNDAY 11 CTR presents Time Files with Direct Sound (5:30pm, Western Front) & Jade Orchestra (8pm, Vancouver East Cultural Centre) & Bill Clark Sextet (11pm, Glass Slipper)... Steve Forbester the Town Pump... AMS Collection Exhibition opens at the AMS Art Gallery featuring new acquisition Rodney Graham's Sculptural Piece... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... The Navigator (7:30pm) & Wings of Desire (9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

MONDAY 12 CTR presents Shindig' 90 at the Railway... Places of Least the Town Pump... Holly Cole Trio at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre... Chubby Carrier at the Yule... UBC String Chamber Ensembles (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Classics night at the Pit Pub... AMS Collection Exhibition continues at the AMS Art Gallery featuring new acquisition Rodney Graham's Sculptural Piece... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Modern Times (7:15pm) & The Great Dictator (8pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

TUESDAY 13 Steel Pole Bath Tub with God Bullies at the Cruel Elephant... Alan Bode & Domella at the Town Pump... Chubby Carrier at the Yule... CTR World Beat Night at the Pit Pub... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Modern Times (7:15pm) & The Great Dictator (8pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

WEDNESDAY 14 Steel Pole Bath Tub with God Bullies at the Cruel Elephant... Living Colour at the Commodore... Sacred Reich, Abrogay, Biller End at the Town Pump... Steven Ley at the VEC... Chubby Carrier at the Yule... Wednesday Noon-Hour Concert Series with Geoffrey Michaels (violin) & Douglas Finch (piano) (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Hot Wednesdays at the Pit Pub... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Desu Usala (6:45pm) & Ran (8:15pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

THURSDAY 15 Furnacealt at the Cruel Elephant... Lemonheads at the Town Pump... Living Colour at the Commodore... Curtis Salgado at the Yule... UBC Contemporary Players (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Cool Thursdays at the Pit Pub... Boomtimes at the Roundhouse... Desu Usala (6:45pm) & Ran (8:15pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

FRIDAY 16 Death Sentence at the Cruel Elephant... Persuaders at the Town Pump... Queen Isis & the Ben Tempy Zydeco Band at the Commodore... Curtis Salgado at the Yule... University Singers (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... UBC Opera Workshop (8pm) at the Old Auditorium... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Black Rain (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

SATURDAY 17 Death Sentence with Furnacealt at the Cruel Elephant... River City People & Skaboon at the Town Pump... Curtis Salgado at the Yule... Sweet at 86 Street... The Furry & Davey Archer at the Orpheum... UBC Opera Workshop (8pm) at the Old Auditorium... AMS Collection Exhibition closes at the AMS Art Gallery featuring new acquisition Rodney Graham's Sculptural Piece... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Black Rain (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

SUNDAY 18 Furnacealt at the Town Pump... The Hippingtons at the Commodore... The University Singers (8pm) at the Rectal Hall... AMS Collection Exhibition opens at the AMS Art Gallery featuring Canadian progressive art... Artropolis 90 closes at the Roundhouse... Black Rain (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

MONDAY 19 CTR presents Shindig' 90 at the Railway... Eddy Shaw at the Yule... CTR Classics night at the Pit Pub... AMS Collection Exhibition continues at the AMS Art Gallery featuring Canadian progressive art... Artropolis 90 continues at the Roundhouse... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

TUESDAY 20 The Mummies with The Smugglers & The Phantom Surfers at the Town Pump... Eddy Shaw at the Yule... Faculty Reel with Kathleen Handley (fute) & John Rudolph (percussion) (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR World Beat Night at the Pit Pub... Black Rain (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

WEDNESDAY 21 The Pit Pub... Eddy Shaw at the Yule... Wednesday Noon-Hour Concert Series with Vladimir Levoyev (piano) at the Rectal Hall... UBC Choral Union (8pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Hot Wednesdays at the Pit Pub... Black Rain (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

THURSDAY 22 Catherine Wheel at the Town Pump... The Mighty Diamonds with Messajah at the Commodore... Jim Byrnes at the Yule... UBC Choral Union (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Cool Thursdays at the Pit Pub... Black Rain (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight... Festival of Animation (7pm, 9:30pm) at the Ridge...

FRIDAY 23 CTR presents Bad Farmers & the Hardrock Miners at the Commodore... Screaming Trees at the Cruel Elephant... The Beautiful with The Leslie Pitt Tree-o at the Town Pump... Jim Byrnes at the Yule... The Slope Road (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... The Handmaid's Tale (7:15pm) & Clockwork Orange (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

SATURDAY 24 CTR presents Bad Farmers & the Hardrock Miners at the Commodore... Screaming Trees at the Cruel Elephant... Roots Roundup & The Leslie Pitt Tree-o at the Town Pump... Jim Byrnes at the Yule... The Handmaid's Tale (7:15pm) & Clockwork Orange (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

SUNDAY 25 Holly Near & Judy Small at the VEC... Katharina Ormer's The Water in My House (sculpture, prints, paintings) opens at the AMS Art Gallery... The Handmaid's Tale (7:15pm) & Clockwork Orange (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

MONDAY 26 CTR presents Shindig' 90 at the Railway... UBC Student Composers Concert (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... Collegium Musicum (8pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Classics night at the Pit Pub... Katharina Ormer's The Water in My House (sculpture, prints, paintings) continues at the AMS Art Gallery... The Ma Up! Tie Me Down! (7:30pm) & Mama, There's a Man in Your Bed (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

TUESDAY 27 Luis Enrique Mejia Godoy at the VEC... Pontiac at the Yule... Collegium Musicum (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR World Beat Night at the Pit Pub... Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down! (7:30pm) & Mama, There's a Man in Your Bed (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

WEDNESDAY 28 Lorena McKinnit at the VEC... Club of Roma with a Day in Paris at the Town Pump... Pontiac at the Yule... Wednesday Noon-Hour Concert Series with Wendy Neilson (soprano) & Mark Morash (piano) (12:30pm) at the Rectal Hall... CTR Hot Wednesdays at the Pit Pub... The Draughtman's Contract (7:15pm) & The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & her Lover (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

THURSDAY 29 Lorena McKinnit at the VEC... Pontiac at the Yule... UBC Symphony Orchestra (12:30pm) at the Old Auditorium... Distinguished Artists' Series with Joseph Shere (bassoon) & Rena Sharon (piano) at the Old Auditorium... CTR Cool Thursdays at the Pit Pub... The Draughtman's Contract (7:15pm) & The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & her Lover (9:30pm) at the Starlight...

FRIDAY 30 Bob's Your Uncle at the Town Pump... Lorena McKinnit at the VEC... Pontiac at the Yule... UBC Symphony Orchestra (8pm) at the Old Auditorium... Katharina Ormer's The Water in My House (sculpture, prints, paintings) continues at the AMS Art Gallery... My Sweet Little Village (7:15pm, 9:30pm) at the Starlight...

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by David
"chum"
Car swœll

There once was a snowy bear named Jeremy. He wandered the hills foraging for goodies like berries and nuts. One day, by the lake, he noticed a large cow looking lonesome.

"Are you all alone?" said Jeremy.

"Yes, I am," said the lonesome cow. "Moo. I lost my friend while traversing a frosty alpine glen."

The snowy bear continued on his path, pondering the most horrible situation of the single solitary cow.

Then he stumbled across a little girl named Frauline who looked almost as lonely as the cow but not quite.

"What makes you not so lonely?" asked Jeremy.

"Because now you are here," she said as she walked towards him.

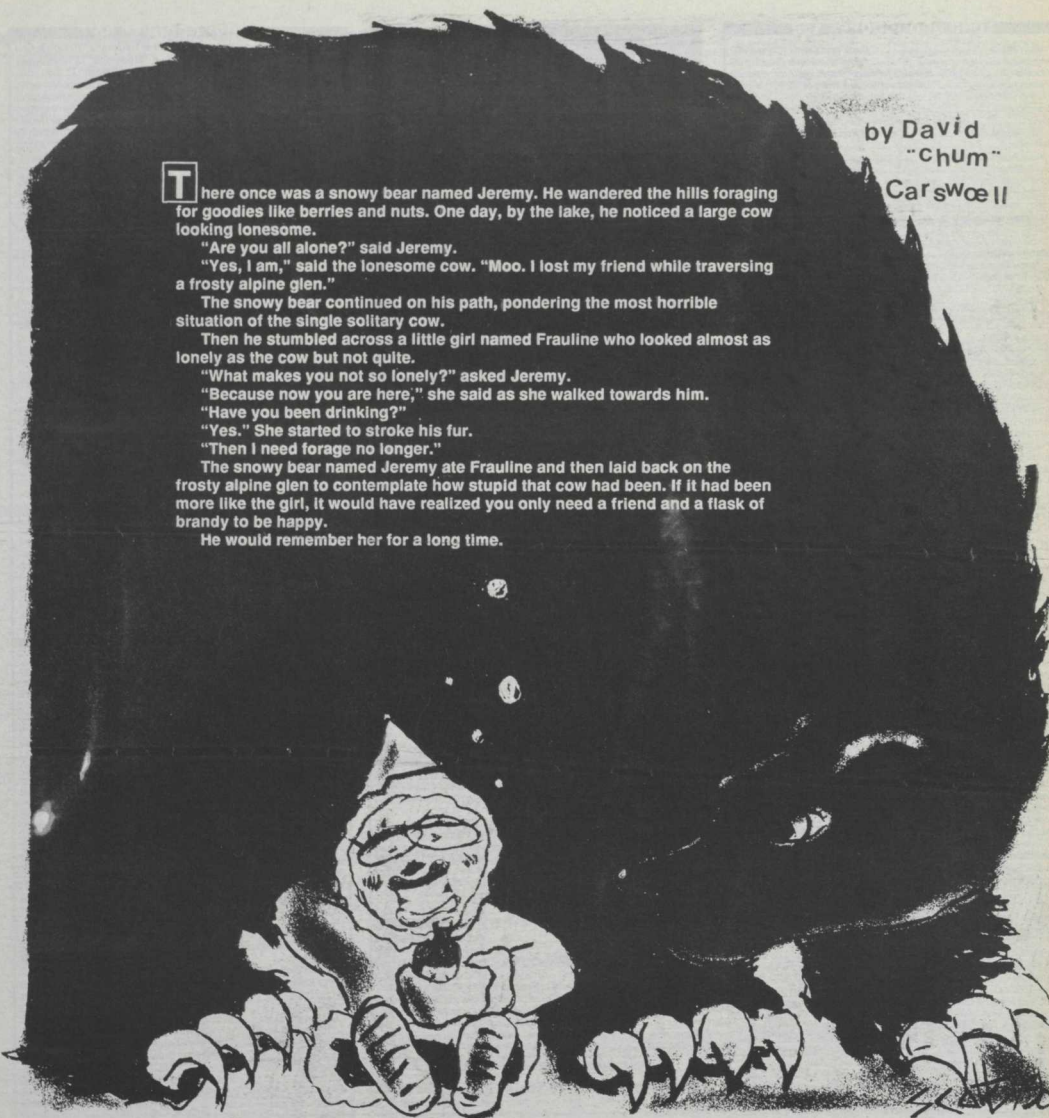
"Have you been drinking?"

"Yes." She started to stroke his fur.

"Then I need forage no longer."

The snowy bear named Jeremy ate Frauline and then laid back on the frosty alpine glen to contemplate how stupid that cow had been. If it had been more like the girl, it would have realized you only need a friend and a flask of brandy to be happy.

He would remember her for a long time.



FROSTY ALPINE PLEASURES

ARTROPOLIS 90 is the fourth in a series of large-scale exhibitions of contemporary B.C. art to be held in Vancouver. Like its predecessors, this exhibition developed out of the expressed need within the community to "once" again demonstrate the energy and

diversity of the local art scene. The month-long exhibition will feature work by over 200 B.C. artists. These shows have now developed a three year cycle, and offer the rare chance to see the wealth of our regional talent side by side in one location. The unifying theme of

ARTROPOLIS 90 is LINEAGES AND LINKAGES, an affirmation of the important inter-generational networks of influence, style, and media that exist among the artists of British Columbia. Artists cluster together voluntarily for many reasons; and they are linked

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